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Darr, county reach agreement on case

Former employee taking early retirement

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The five-year-long case of former Madison County official

MADISON COUNTY

Lanny Darr has come to an end with an agreement for Darr to retire and the county to fund a share of his retirement.

Darr, who was fired for wrecking a county pickup truck while under the influence of alcohol, got the county to agree that it made an error in the way it fired him,

according to an order signed by Associate Judge Ann Callis of Madison County. However, he will not receive any back pay under the agreement.

"It was an amicable agreement for both sides, which this order reflects," said the county's attorney, John Gilbert.

He said the settlement allows the county to get out of the case with a minimum of cost.

Darr will be credited with his county pension benefits and will be allowed to take early retirement. He will be credited with service from

Sept. 21, 1994, to Feb. 28 this year at a pay rate of \$2,883 per month.

The cost of the county's share of Darr's retirement is estimated at between \$13,700 and \$14,000, which will be paid into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

The retirement agreement also solves the problem of what Darr would be doing if he were successful in his lawsuit to get his job back. The job of emergency services coordinator has been filled

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Lending a helping hand



A member of the KidsCare staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City talks with a parent about the program, which helps children who may otherwise not be covered by medical insurance obtain needed medical treatment. Both emergency and routine medical care are covered by KidsCare, which is a state program.

Ram Tough 200 roars off Gateway starting line Friday night

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

One lucky racing fan will get the opportunity of a lifetime Friday at the second annual

MADISON

'King Richard' slated to be grand marshal; final race of season at track

Missouri-Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200, presented by Pepsi-Cola, at Gateway International Raceway.

The race, part of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck

Series, will be held under the lights at GIR at 7:30 p.m. The NASCAR Re/Max Challenge Series will start the evening with a 40-lap shootout at 6 p.m. The Ram Tough 200 is the

last of four "major" races at the track this year. The racing season will end at the track at the end of October.

During a drawing at about 5:30 p.m. race day, a name

will be picked to take a lap in a Richard Petty Driving Experience race truck before the start of the Ram Tough 200.

Racing fans can register for

the lap drawing at the Richard Petty Driving Experience booth in front of the Fun Fest Expo behind the main grandstand.

Petty, known as "The King of NASCAR," will also preside

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Mary Ann Stuart, left, and Denise Wright show off some of their teapots at Immanuel's Inn, the former Patio Restaurant in downtown Granite City that was recently purchased by the Community Care Center.

Patio Restaurant gets new name, direction

Immanuel's Inn now owned by Granite Community Care Center

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

The newest restaurant in town is now Immanuel's Inn.

It was previously known as The Granite City Patio Restaurant until management from the Community Care Center purchased it in July.

The restaurant is located at 1308 Niedringhaus and is operated by Mary Ann Stuart and Denise Wright.

"We are thrilled to be in the community and are excited to

serve the people in it," Stuart said. "We have food everybody likes in a friendly, casual environment."

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday through Friday. On Saturdays, the restaurant will be used for showers and parties for up to 50 people.

For more information about showers, contact Stuart or Wright at the restaurant at 453-1036.

Stuart said having new management means a tasty new menu that includes break

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Doughty firing hearing postponed to Aug. 31

Attorney: Matter sure to end up in court

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Venice School Board's hearing on suspended Superintendent James Doughty has been postponed until Aug. 31.

VENICE But when with the hearing, it is almost certain that the expected firing of Doughty will wind up in court.

The hearing had been set for Friday evening and four members of the board met in executive session, but acting Superintendent Robert Vickers said the hearing was postponed at the request of Doughty's attorney, Charles Ford.

Doughty did not attend Friday's hearing.

The new hearing date will be 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the board office.

Ford said Monday that he had requested the hearing be postponed for a "variety of reasons."

He said that he had requested documents, a list of witnesses and the right to subpoena his own witnesses, but as of Friday evening, he had received nothing except a fax of some documents.

"I believe they'll proceed with some kind of a hearing," Ford said. "I've been told by the school board attorney that the kind of hearing he intends to conduct is not what I'm wanting."

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Charles Ford
James Doughty's attorney

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"If they don't provide him due process, that will just be another part of the lawsuit," he said.

Ford added that a lawsuit will almost certainly be filed. "I don't see any way that it wouldn't. I just don't see him walking away," Ford said.

After the hearing was suspended, the four board members present, Board President Alvester Salmond, Tyrone Q. Echols, Metro Pierson and Bill Tyler, continued to meet in executive session for some time.

Doughty had initially been suspended on July 6, and on July 22, the board voted 4-1 to send Doughty a letter notifying of their intent to terminate his contract.

Vickers was appointed a few days later, but can only serve up to 100 days. Vickers has

said that whatever the board decides to do, the process needs to begin soon.

Under Doughty, the district has been facing increasing turmoil, including findings that more than one-third of its students were non-residents and it might have to pay back an estimated \$1.1 million in state aid (this has been a long-standing problem between Venice and surrounding school districts); large numbers of grievances and unfair labor complaints filed by both teacher and support staff unions; a split board; and extremely vocal community opposition.

Doughty has two years remaining on a three-year contract. His salary is about \$85,000 per year. With benefits and vacation time, he has claimed the district would owe him approximately \$200,000 for those two years if it decided to buy out his contract.

Jennison-Wright cleanup site subject of hearing

Former industry has contaminated soil

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A public hearing on the proposed \$10.5 million cleanup plan by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Jennison-Wright Superfund site in Granite City will be held Thursday evening.

GRANITE CITY The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. at Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall, 2060 Delmar.

The 18-acre site is located at 900 W. 22nd St. and was used to manufacture railroad ties and other wood-related products. Officials with the IEPA said the site is contaminated by organic chemicals left over from the business, which closed in the late 1980s, but there is no immediate danger from the contamination, which is contained on-site. The primary risk is that the contaminated soil and water contain cancer-causing agents and a number of structures on the site are in disrepair.

Although the area is

The former Jennison-Wright site, located at 900 W. 22nd St. in Granite City, was used to manufacture railroad ties and other wood products.

fenced, officials said there is a danger to people — especially children — might wander into the site.

To clean the contaminated soil, the IEPA plans to a clay-lined bermed area for the contaminated soil. Naturally-occurring microbes in the soil can break down the chemicals, but the IEPA has to create the proper conditions — such as heat and moisture levels. The other contamination problems is groundwater containing creosote and coal tar. Over the years, that material has leached into the soil. To remove it, the IEPA plans to inject hot water and steam into the soil to loosen it, then pump the contaminated out with the water.

It will probably take about one year for construction, then about six years to treat the soil. When finished, the land

could be used for industrial or commercial development.

If the U.S. EPA approves and funding is made available, construction could begin in spring 2000 and be completed by that summer.

Documents relating to the clean-up are available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Granite City Public Library, 2901 Delmar, Granite City.

A 30-day public comment period began July 30. Written comments should be mailed to John Williams, Hearing Officer, Division of Legal Counsel, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 18276, Springfield, Ill., 62794-0276, or call (217) 782-5544 (voice) or (217) 782-9143 (TDD).

Police Blotter

Granite City Police

• **BURGLARY:** A bicycle was stolen recently from a garage at Terrace Lane.

According to a police report, there were no signs of forced entry. The bike was stolen Aug. 5. It was valued at \$100.

• **Garage burglary** occurred recently in the 1300 block of Riverview.

According to a police report, about \$350 in tools were taken between 10:30 p.m. Monday and 6 a.m. Tuesday. Police are investigating and have a suspect.

• **Garage burglary** occurred recently in the 3000 block of Circle. According to a police report, entry was gained through a rear window that was removed. The burglary occurred between 7 p.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday. Items valued at about \$200 were stolen. Police are investigating and have two suspects.

Madison Police

• **FIGHTING:** Four men were charged with fighting and assault by Madison police in three separate cases late Wednesday and early Thursday morning.

• **Daniel Lee Strong, 20,** of South Roxana, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after an incident in the 2000 block of Fifth Street.

• **David Edmund Dickens, 57,** of the 1200 block of Madison Avenue, Madison, was charged with battery, wife fighting and assault after an incident in the 1200 block of Madison Avenue. He was released after posting \$200 cash bond.

• **Dominic D. Dunnivant, 27,** of the 1500 block of Sixth Street, Madison, was charged with assault in the same case. He was released on \$200 to appear.

• **Another incident, Jack R. Walcott, 26,** of Beck's Lodge in Collinsville, was charged with assault, criminal damage to property and public intoxication after being arrested in the 1100 block of Madison Avenue.

Further information was unavailable.

Venice Police

• **ASSAULT:** A Venice woman reported that she was threatened by a man Tuesday at the Lee Wright Holmes area.

The woman told police she was being out of her car when a man driving a burgundy Cadillac drove up and threatened to kill her and her son.

Police reported that earlier that day, the woman reported that the man had been banging on her door.

• **DRUG CHARGES:** A Venice man was charged after police found what they believe was marijuana in his car Thursday evening.

• **Christopher A. Haynes, 21,** of the 100 block of Bissell, Venice, was charged with resisting arrest and unlawful possession of cannabis.

According to reports, a Venice officer and a U.S. marshal spotted Haynes, who had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving a car in the 100 block of Baucum Avenue.

When Haynes spotted the officers, he allegedly tried to hide the vehicle, then got out and something from the trunk and ran away.

Marshals apprehended Haynes a short time later and the car was impounded. During a search, police discovered a bag containing suspected cannabis in the trunk.

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A bat picked up just outside the city limits of Collinsville by Madison County Animal Control this week has tested positive for rabies.

known human or animal contact with the bat, said Dr. David Hall, a Collinsville veterinarian.

The bat was reported by a concerned citizen who noted that the bat acted sick. Fortunately, there was no

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The Big Picture

Townships try to stay useful in modern age

Advocates say the township form of government is adapting to meet modern needs, but critiques say townships are no longer necessary

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Except for the name, township government as practiced today in Madison and St. Clair counties would not be recognized by citizens of the distant, and even not-so-distant, past.

When township government came to Illinois territory it was a way for individual and often far-flung communities a local government to provide for the general welfare of the citizens.

All the citizens of the community would gather at least once a year, often at first under the shade of a large tree and later in community halls, to set the agenda for the coming year.

The big local issues at the time were schools, law enforcement, commonly-held land and roads. Depending on the needs of community, some areas were stressed over others. But, all townships had at least a constable, a judge and a school superintendent.

Today, none of the area townships have a constable or judge. None of them run its own school, either.

Area townships have evolved over the years to meet the needs of individual communities and now what area townships do have. Their self-perceived roles vary so widely it is nearly impossible to make any generalizations.

Belleville Township Supervisor Dennis Korte said general assistance or relief, is the major role of the township. The township administers many state and federal welfare programs and, Korte said, "If we cannot help direct-

ly, we serve as a referral agency for other social agencies."

He said Belleville Township has a good relationship with various food pantries and other agencies.

Another major township function, Korte said, is the its senior programs. The township also assists the American Association of Retired Persons.

Because Belleville Township is coterminous with the City of Belleville, the township has no role in road or street repairs or general upkeep of buildings and

property.

Just outside Belleville in St. Clair County's Stookey Township, Township Supervisor Jim Ellison said there is currently only one active general assistance case in the township.

There, he said, roads and road upkeep are a major township function.

"The highway commissioner keeps them repaired, of course, but also are the emergency situations like winter ice and snow removal," Ellison said.

Another major role is policing neighborhood appearance, Ellison said.

"We help our citizens keep our neighborhoods nice," he said. "We keep junk out of yards, make them keep their grass cut, all those kind of things."

"I'll bet you there isn't a day that goes by, especially in the old years, when we don't get a call."

For most Stookey Township residents, however, sewer bills are their connection to the

township. Stookey operates its own sewage treatment plant and the average resident using 2,000 gallons of water a month pays just \$11.15.

"I'm betting that's the lowest rate you're going to find in the area," Ellison said.

In Chouteau Township in Madison County, roads are a major township role.

"We have 39 miles of roads we keep in top shape," said Township Supervisor Patricia Polley.

General assistance programs and particularly the energy assistance program is another important township role, Polley said.

But perhaps the most visible role of Chouteau Township is its contribution to the community through its township hall.

"It's used by everybody in the community, from scouts to veterans to whoever," Polley said.

"There's always someone holding something."

For many years Collinsville Township has stressed its senior services and its senior center - and its programs.

These senior services have drawn delegations from across the state, and country, from governments who want to learn from its success.

"Our secret is director Al Tognarelli, who is also the town clerk," said Collinsville Township Supervisor Terry Allan. "He does a marvelous job working with people and is simply the best."

The township pays Tognarelli's salary and upkeep of the building, Allan said, but the seniors pay the rest themselves. I think we're one of the only ones to work that way.

General assistance remains



Collinsville Township seniors line dance at the township's Senior Center.

a big part of the township, Allan said, "and probably always will for any township that's out there."

"Things are not as bad right now, there are a lot of jobs and a lot of people looking for workers. But there are always some who need help. It's a roller-coaster kind of thing."

Collinsville Township, which includes parts of Glen Carbon, Pontoon Beach and Maryville and the portion of Collinsville in Madison County, also has some roads it maintains.

"Our road commissioner is also the best in the country," Allan said. Venice Township in Madison County is one of many who have looked at Collinsville Township Senior Center as a model for their own plans.

While Venice Township includes two cities - Madison and Venice - it also includes unincorporated areas like the Eagle Park and Rock Road neighborhoods that require road maintenance. Like Stookey Township, Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy said policing the

appearance of neighborhoods, particularly junk and derelict buildings, makes up a lot of the township's day-to-day business.

As might be expected in an area that suffered economic depression for many years - Venice was one named one of the 10 poorest cities in America - Venice Township's general assistance programs are large enough to have a life of their own.

Through the years, the cities of Venice and Madison were often in a near state of war when it came to economic development and federal and state funding. Economy said an important role of Venice Township today is to make sure those war-like days stay in the past.

"It's not really a matter of power, it's a matter of getting along," Economy said. "We have a really good relationship with the two cities and can sit down, one-on-one, and get our ducks in order."

"It's not 'who's going to get what' anymore, but 'what can we do to help everyone.' We work a lot like fire departments work - and - share and give each other a hand."

Something as simple as an upcoming cleanup day can become a big operation bene-

fitting the entire community, Economy said.

"You combine our resources with the resources of each of the cities and it's a lot more efficient and you can do a lot more things," he said. "If they've got trucks and we've got equipment and they've got other equipment and we figure out a way to put it all together and make it work everyone wins."

Townships still call all the citizens of the community together once a year for a town meeting, but almost all area township supervisors have expressed dismay at the usual low attendance.

The shade trees are gone, but what has remained, however, is direct citizen input and, as a result, townships that directly reflect the priorities of their citizens.

Economy would be the first to say Venice Township is probably one of a kind.

"We can learn from each other, but I don't think we can copy each other," he said.

Belleville's Korte also pointed out the uniqueness of each of the area's townships and Stookey's Ellison said "our people tell us what they want us to be."

Monroe sticks with commissioners

In 1816, Monroe County skipped township form of government

When Monroe County formed in 1816, it decided to forego the township form of government and instead, be governed by three "gentlemen judges" elected in a county-wide election.

And so - although they're now called commissioners - it has been ever since.

County Chairman Bob Rippelmeyer said he had never really thought about the county being governed any other way.

"We've really had no problem with the three-person board," he said. "We've been doing really well for a lot of years and I guess there's never been any reason to think about changing."

Of the 102 counties in Illinois, only 17 are governed by commissions. A few of

those, he said, have divided into districts for their commissioners rather than electing them at large.

If Monroe County continues to grow, Rippelmeyer said it is possible it may also decide to establish districts.

"I could see that down the road, that's possible, but it would have to come from the people," he said.

"I don't know of anyone talking about it now," he said. "For the most part, Rippelmeyer said, the commissioners' duties are

basically just budgetary. "We have no authority over the elected officials - the two clerks, the sheriff and now the assessor," he said.

"They hire their own people - we don't have any say - and run their own depart-

ments."

He said the commissioners do make a couple of appointments, like the nursing home supervisor, but "then that person runs the show."

The commissioners appoint a road engineer, but Rippelmeyer said "most of the roads in the county are in the 10 road districts, so there's not really that much we do with roads."

There is a planning and zoning officer, he said. "We recently combined those offices to save money" but little else requiring the direct involvement of the commission.

"It works well," he said. "When I look at some others it seems like everything is done in committee. Well, we've only got one committee."

But Rippelmeyer is not ready to advocate other counties drop their townships and become commission-ruled.

"I've never really given thought to other forms of county government," he said. "I don't know enough to say anything one way or the other."

"I do know it works for us. We're happy with it."

Voter apathy often saves township government

Several years ago in Granite City Township, the amount spent administering the general assistance program - salaries, supplies, etc. - slightly exceeded the amount of money given in general assistance.

At the time, then-Alderman Dan Partney joined one of the unsuccessful drives to eliminate the township. Partney said he doubts it will ever happen, especially now.

"You take all the calls you can and I'll bet you won't find one politician who will stand up for elimination of a township," he said. "It's not something the voters care about. Of course, if you look at the last election returns, most of the voters don't care about anything enough to vote."

In the case of contiguous townships, Partney said, "There is absolutely no doubt the cities can provide the same services the township provides cheaper and more efficiently."

"They can, but a lot of voters wonder if that necessarily means they will. It's a fair question, I think. Who do you trust? Someone you know, even if you know they're not perfect, or someone you don't know?"

Partney said townships, like everything else in politics, will continue status quo until the voters get "riled up enough to force a change."

And in the case of townships, he said, "It's not going to happen anytime soon, probably not in my or your lifetime."

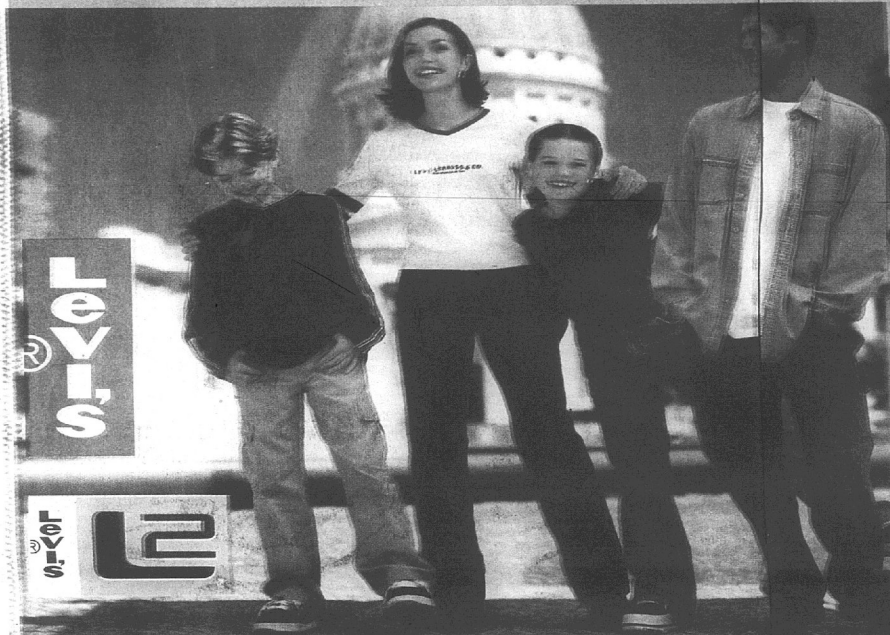
"T townships are not that big an item on the tax bill and most people don't know or particularly care what they do. They don't need township services, but figure someone does and it doesn't cost that much. Things might be done better, but who's going to say 'Vote for me and you'll see a little improvement.'"

Dan Partney
Former Granite City alderman

big an item on the tax bill - not like schools and most people don't know or particularly care what they do. They don't need township services, but figure someone does and it doesn't cost that much. Sure things might be done better, but who's going to say 'Vote for me and you'll see a little improvement' - no one who going to get elected."

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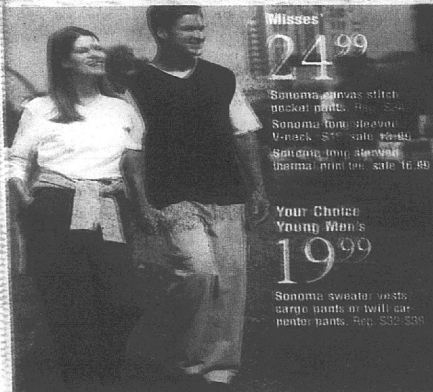
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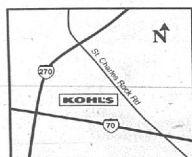
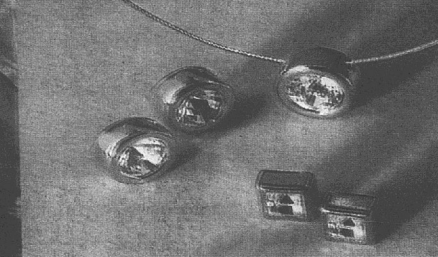
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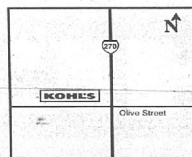
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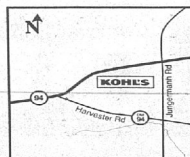
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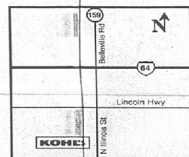
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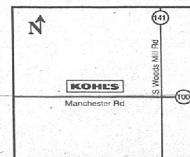
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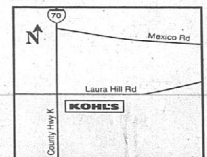
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Girls learned valuable lessons participating in 'Annie'

Thousands of children enjoyed the recent Muny production of "Annie." Talented 10-year-old Lauren DeLucia starred with poise and confidence as the orphan Annie.



Dennis O'Brien,
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challenge. She rehearsed with unflappable professionalism, related warmly to other

children and performed flawlessly. Participating in a Muny production illustrates many of the characteristics parents should look for in extracurricular activities. Let me explain. More than a thousand children auditioned for Muny roles last March, and some 150 were selected to appear in productions.

Rehearsals for the 86 girls selected to be orphans in "Annie" began July 1 for the production that opened July 12. With such a short time to prepare, rehearsal days were long, hot and intense.

However, children's choreographer Mark Krupinski is a charismatic teacher, and soon the routines took shape and the kids were ready to begin working with the adult principals under the direction

of choreographer Liza Gennaro and director Charles Repole.

Rehearsals merged into actual run-throughs and climaxed with a dress rehearsal from midnight to 4:30 a.m. the Sunday before "Annie" opened. After tune-up rehearsals on Sunday and Monday afternoons, Annie opened that Monday evening and was a resounding success for both the 80,000 who saw it and the 86 children who gave it life.

When I mentioned to Gennaro how wonderful the production was opening night, she responded, "It should be because we worked them all very hard."

They had worked the cast hard, but they also had worked them smart, knowing what they wanted. The 86 children learned important lessons in of

patience, discipline and doing a job well.

The girls' on-stage teamwork was obvious, but their on-stage performances represented only a small part of their time together.

The girls practiced informally with one another, played cards, ate and relaxed together, endured the heat and shared the excitement of success together. It was an intense experience of learning how to work with others to create something wonderful and forging special friendships.

Participating also provided an opportunity for individual growth.

For example, my daughter Jessen had enjoyed small roles in Muny productions each of the two previous summers. Being on stage motivated her to work to improve her

skills.

This year, she was selected to be one of seven "special orphans" who were on stage frequently with the principals. She and her friends are learning that practice leads to improved skills and opens up more opportunities to perform, and this builds confidence and strengthens their resolve to improve.

Here are some questions parents can use to evaluate an extracurricular program:

Is the activity fun for your child?

Is there an emphasis on cooperation and teamwork?

Does the experience provide opportunities for personal growth in skills and expanding personal recognition?

Are the professionals in

charge competent?

Are they narrowly focused on evaluating and using talent, or do they follow a developmental approach and help children improve?

Do the parents involve stress cooperation?

Are they supportive of your child's development?

If you can answer "Yes" to most of these questions, chances are good your child will be involved in a healthy extracurricular activity.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

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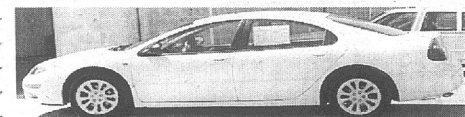
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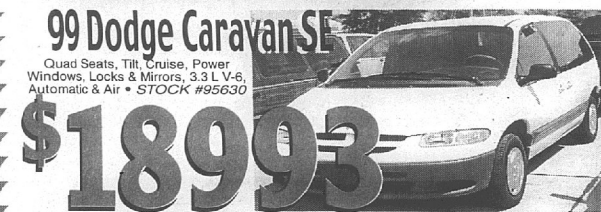
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Darr, county settle termination lawsuit

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since Darr's departure by Jack Quigley.

"This settlement ends the county's liability to him and ends his employment with the county," County Administrator Jim Monday said.

Darr filed suit shortly after he was fired, asking the court to reverse the decision based on the claim that he did not get a chance to cross-examine witnesses against him and that he was not fully apprised of the evidence against him.

Callis ruled in April to

reverse Darr's termination and remanded the employment question back to the full Madison County Board with instructions to grant Darr another hearing.

The judge ruled that Darr should be fully apprised of the evidence against him and be allowed the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.

Gilbert said the County Board was given back the case and decided to forgo another hearing in favor of settling the case.

Darr, 58, of Godfrey, was indicted by a Madison County

grand jury for driving under the influence after a traffic accident May 31, 1994.

The county-owned pickup truck went out of control on Homer Adams Parkway in Alton, left the road, hit a utility pole and went down an embankment.

Authorities said Darr's blood-alcohol content was 0.227 per cent, nearly three times today's legal limit of .08. The limit at the time of the incident was .10.

Neither Darr nor his attorney, William Lucco, could be reached for comment.

Ram Tough 200 scheduled Friday at GIR

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as grand marshal at the race. The gates open at noon on Thursday and Friday.

"I've always considered it an honor to be asked to be grand marshal for these types of events and this one is extra-special," Petty said.

"I'm looking forward to a great race this year," Petty added. "The NASCAR

Craftsman Truck Series made a successful debut there last year and we hope to build a strong NASCAR tradition in the area.

"If fans want to see NASCAR racing at its best, this Friday night show under the lights should be a good one."

Fans will also get an early chance to watch drivers Wednesday evening. The

evening testing session will be open to season ticket holders and fans who bring a donation of non-perishable food items for Operation Food Search.

The gates will open at 5 p.m. Fans will be able to watch from the grandstand; the infield will not be open to the public that evening. The concession stands will also be open and a band will be playing from 7 to 9 p.m. behind the main grandstand.

After the testing, several truck series drivers will meet with fans in the picnic area from 8:15 to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, truck series practice will be from 3 to 5 p.m., with Bud Pole qualifying around the 1.25-mile oval taking place at 6 p.m.

The final truck series practice will be from 8 to 9 p.m. On Friday, the Re/Max practice will be from 1 to 2 p.m., with qualifying at 3:30.

Patio Restaurant reopens with new name

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fast entrees, soups and salads and a variety of sandwiches.

Sunday diners are especially in for a treat. Culinary specialist Susan Downard will be preparing the special of the day, which might be pan-fried

chicken tossed over tasty noodles.

"You won't be disappointed," Downard said. Breakfast costs about \$2.50 per person and the sandwiches average around \$4.

The cost for a meal for a family of three is about \$14, including drinks and the soup of the day.

All proceeds from the operations at Immanuel's will go to buy food and clothing for the needy who use The Community Center.

"The business is like a fundraiser," Stuart, the center's executive director, said.

"Whatever we make here will go to the center to help many people in our area."

Merrifield arraignment expected Tuesday

Woman accused of killing sister for newborn

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

The Madison County Sheriff's department said that

a Fairview Heights woman charged

with murdering her sister will likely be arraigned this week.

"We have been so busy, a time hasn't been set yet, but I suspect the arraignment will likely be early this week, possibly Tuesday," Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich said Monday morning.

Churchich said that Sandra Merrifield, 22, will be charged with first degree murder by Madison County prosecutors. To date, Merrifield has yet to be assigned a public defender, he said.

She is currently in the Madison County Jail, held without bond, suspected of murdering her sister, Jossie L. Merrifield, 18, Thursday and attempting to claim her sister's newborn baby as her own.

Jossie Merrifield, who lived

on the 300 block of N. Summit Street in Collinsville, had a two-year-old son and gave birth to a boy last Tuesday.

Churchich said there is reason to suspect that wanting to claim the newborn as her (Sandra's) own was part of the motive behind the murder.

Authorities first learned of the killing when Sandra Merrifield and her boyfriend, Everett Jackson, 32, came to the Collinsville Police Department just after 9 p.m. Thursday.

Churchich said Sandra Merrifield had tried to convince Jackson that she had delivered a baby that same evening. Jackson grew suspicious, and persuaded Sandra Merrifield to report the truth to the police.

Merrifield reported to the police that she had taken her sister out for a drive Thursday night, less than an hour after Jossie Merrifield arrived home from the hospital with a 2-day-old son.

Sandra Merrifield then allegedly took her sister to a creek in the 300 block of Mulberry Street just southeast of Collinsville.

Jossie Merrifield fell down

an embankment after being struck in the head and was later found face-down in the water.

Sandra Merrifield was reportedly unable to have children and apparently had been planning the killing and baby theft for some time, Churchich said.

Jossie Merrifield, the daughter of Joseph and Eileen Merrifield of Collinsville, is one of 13 siblings.

Jossie Merrifield's two-year-old son was placed in the custody of his grandparents and the infant in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Jossie Merrifield is survived by her parents, eight sisters and four brothers, as well as her grandmother. She also has several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will take place at the Herr Funeral Home at 301 W. Main in Collinsville Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Services will be held Thursday at Wilkerson Chapel at 317 Summit at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Charles Orr officiating.

She will be buried at St. John's Cemetery.

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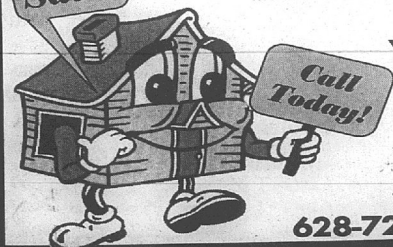
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U.S. breast cancer research stamp marks first birthday

Nearly \$8M raised for fight against disease

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Postal customers are helping stamp out breast cancer just by spending seven cents more for first class postage.

METRO EAST Celebrating its one-year anniversary last week, the U.S. Postal Service's Breast Cancer Research stamp has raised nearly \$8 million. The first of its kind, the stamp sells for 40 cents.

"Breast cancer is an insidious disease which is a leading cause of death for women," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville). "Every three minutes, a woman is diagnosed, and every 12 minutes, a woman dies of breast cancer."

"Simply by paying a few

pennies more per stamp, all citizens have the opportunity to actively fight this disease by raising meaningful research funds."

According to Costello Legislative Correspondent Emily Gibbons, the money raised is split between the National Institute of Health and the Department of Defense.

Congress first appropriated funds for breast cancer research in 1992 when it became evident that the problem needed attention, but the cancer research budget could not be increased.

The National Breast Cancer Coalition, an organization of breast cancer survivors and activists, appealed to Congress, their efforts resulting in an additional investment of \$25 million in 1992.

The money was built into the Department of Defense's budget and is part of the congressionally directed medical research program.

"We administer the program," said Chuck Dasey, of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command. "Since then, the DoD has become involved in other medical research, including prostate and ovarian cancer, Osteoporosis and Neurofibromatosis."

The DoD solicits proposals from civilian researchers, awarding funds following a peer review by a panel of experts.

The postal service is currently considering other voluntary 40 cent research stamps for such diseases as Alzheimer's and diabetes, said Gibbons.

New county voting system could be in place by March

'Opti-scan' would replace old-line punch cards

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Voters will be using a new "opti-scan" voting system next March if the full Madison County Board goes along with a recommendation the Finance Committee made Thursday.

MADISON COUNTY The committee voted 4-0 to set aside \$800,000 already on hand from the capital projects budget to fund the equipment after Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida recommended the new system.

Von Nida has had new systems under study for about a year. He said the new system will be much quicker and more accurate than the existing punch card system, which represents 30-year-old technology.

Von Nida held an exhibition in June to make county

officials and other residents familiar with various new types of equipment. He said the system keeps track of the votes as they are being made, so the process of closing out the voting booths is almost instant.

At the same time, the existing system is becoming less reliable and harder to keep up.

"It's out of date and expensive to maintain," Von Nida said. "He said the system allows voters to fill in blank ovals, which are read by an electronic scanner. The paper ballots are saved as a backup, he said."

"One of the advantages of opti-scan is that you can also count the votes by hand," Von Nida said.

Von Nida said the new system will not allow a reduction in voting judges but will allow the judges to

concentrate on keeping the vote honest.

"It will give them the time to pay attention to what we want them to pay attention to," he said.

The judges will also have the advantage of getting out of the polls earlier after arriving at 5 a.m. Most results should be ready to go to the County Clerk's Office by 8 p.m., instead of as late as midnight under the existing system.

One of the troubles with hiring enough election judges is the amount of time they are having to put into election day, Von Nida said.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Little said he and Von Nida have been studying new voting equipment for about a year, and he supports the opti-scan type. There are two companies that supply such equipment and the county would expect the successful bidder to help

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MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1380.

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NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN meets from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Fairview Heights Ramada Inn to exchange business cards, share ideas, and make contacts. Lunch is \$10. There are no annual dues.

Each month, a volunteer participant of the networking group speaks about her business. For meal reservations or to be placed on the mailing list, please call Marianne Drainer at 344-1156.

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Miscellaneous

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month starting at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Collinsville. The public is invited to attend dance lessons and open dancing. The cost is \$4 for non-members and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE SINGLES CONNECTION has scheduled the following activities: Today - A meeting and reception for prospective members will start at 7 p.m. at Imo's, Edwardsville. Events for October will be planned. Feel free to call Laura at 607-8608 for information.

Thursday - Join the group at Old Peking Chinese Restaurant, Collinsville at 7 p.m. Call Frank to RSVP or to receive more information, 876-4315.

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Weekly

AL-ANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 2116 Club 2116 Edison, Granite City. Call toll-free (800) 307-8600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Kettler Center Day Care Center. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES offers individual, marriage and family counseling Thursdays at Our Lord's

Lutheran Church, 150 Wilma Drive, Collinsville. To schedule an appointment, call 344-8049.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in the Milonski Room, located in the basement. For more information, call the DMDA office at (314) 776-3963.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Eden United Church of Christ and Holy Family Youth and Family Services Family Care Program in Edwardsville, meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. All divorced or separated persons are welcome. Please call 656-8266 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays for more information. There is no fee, but donations are accepted.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, meets at 11 a.m. Wednesdays in 4-Doctors Solanum at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. For more information, call 798-3004.

RECOVERING FROM THE LOSSES OF LIFE meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church of Maryville, 2184 Vidalabene Drive, located behind Anderson Hospital. The group provides encouragement and practical guidance for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or who has experienced other profound losses.

STEMSS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety), a support group for people with a mental illness and/or an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets at 1:30 p.m. Fridays at Pascal Hall in St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3004 for more information.

Bi-monthly

S PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP.

meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. For information on the meeting site, call Elaine Seary at 462-2714 or Lyle Cusberry at 876-2362.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at 1307 Madison Ave., Madison to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship services follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7531.

Monthly

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Sister Mary Thomas Conference Room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. For more information, call 798-3018.

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Miscellaneous

ALTERNATIVES COUNSELING offers a supportive and educational group to women whose husbands or romantic partners have sexually abused their children. For more information, contact Donya L. Anderson, M.A., at 656-5104.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets in the area at the following times and locations:
✓ Thursdays — Building a Foundation starts at 8 p.m. at SEMC in the Milonski Room.
✓ Fridays — Friday Night Group meets at 7 p.m. at SEMC, Kettler Center.
✓ Saturdays — Acceptance starts at 8 p.m. in Pascal Hall at SEMC.

Stop-smoking program scheduled for September at Belleville hospital

When you quit smoking, the chances of a heart attack will decrease within 24 hours, according to the American Lung Association. Also, breathing in air will come easier and lung capacity will increase 72 hours after you quit smoking. Within two weeks to three months, circulation will improve. St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Belleville is offering a community program titled "Freedom from Smoking." This three-session program, designed by the American Lung Association, is being held

from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 13, 15 and 20. Instructors are from the hospital's respiratory services department. The first session helps each participant identify the best way to quit smoking; the second offers ways to cope with smoking urges; and the third helps participants conquer temptations to resume smoking. The instructors make follow-up calls for progress checks and to reassure the efforts of each participant. The cost of the program is \$25.

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To achieve these and other objectives, you will need to create a solid, long-term financial plan. And you may well want to enlist an expert to help you.

How can you find the right financial professional for your individual needs? Start by asking your friends and relatives whom they use. Then, after you've collected a few referrals, conduct some interviews. Ask the professionals how they work, what they specialize in, and if they've had experience helping people in situations similar to yours.

It's extremely important that you feel a good rapport with the person you choose — after all, he or she will be helping you make some very important decisions that have a major impact on your life. Once you have selected a financial professional to work with, what can you expect from that person? The Forum for Investor Advice (FIA), the national association of the financial services industry, has some suggestions.

To make them easy to



Jeff Prosser

remember, the FIA has developed the acronym ADVICE, which stands for the following traits:

- **Accountable** — Financial professionals should make suitable recommendations based on their knowledge of the investment world and on the information they've gathered about your financial needs and goals. Furthermore, your financial consultant should suggest ways you can adjust your portfolio in response to changes in the financial markets and in your personal situation.

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- **Caring** — A financial professional must be sensitive to your family situation, your investment personality and your preferred methods of interaction.

- **Educational** — A financial professional should provide you with clear, comprehensive, objective and timely information to help you understand your investment choices. And your financial consultant should be able — and willing — to take the time necessary to explain anything that is unclear to you.

Remember, when you're working with a financial professional, you're not just buying an investment — you're building a relationship.

That's why it's important that you select a professional who will provide you with the right ADVICE.

Annual MS Walk scheduled for Wilson Park Sept. 11

Beth Ann Cline is chair of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Walk, scheduled for Sept. 11 in Granite City. The MS Walk is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at Wilson Park Shelter 4.

Cline, a Granite City resident for 30 years, is chairing the MS Walk for the first time. She is also involved in a MS self-help group in the community.

"While raising money is the main purpose for this event, the MS Walk also provides a great opportunity for family, friends and co-workers to get together," Cline said. "Last year, 2,700 enthusiastic walkers raised more than \$325,000 for the Gateway Area Chapter of the National MS Society."

Combined with its spring MS Walks, the Gateway Area Chapter's goal is to raise \$360,000 for research into the cause, cure and treatments of multiple sclerosis. Funds raised will

also support services provided by the Gateway Area Chapter in Granite City and throughout its 90-county service area.

"Beth and area volunteers are working hard to make this year's fall walk a record breaking success for Granite City," said Beth White, community development coordinator for the Gateway Area Chapter. "Residents are welcome to be a part of this success by calling in to contribute, to volunteer or to walk."

For more information about the Granite City walk, or to register, call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (314) 781-9020 or toll-free (800) FIGHT-MS (344-4867).

The MS Walk is a nationally recognized fund-raising campaign being hosted at more than 700 sites across the country. In 1999, the Gateway Area Chapter is coordinating walks in 36 communities throughout

Missouri and Illinois.

The Gateway Area Chapter offers services to more than 4,200 people living with MS and their families in 90 counties in Missouri and Illinois. Service programs include self-help groups, a Helpline for referral services, need-based financial assistance, therapeutic recreation, educational programming and more.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling, disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, up to paralysis or loss of vision.

Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted.

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O'Fallon Junior Legion
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Granite City's season rocky

Roster turnover was problem for the Steelers in 9-15 year

By Rick Broome
 Staff writer

The Granite City Steelers of the Mon-Clair Baseball League ended the season 9-15, a disappointing finish for a team that was expected to take a shot at the title.

The Steelers' main problem was trying to field a consistent, full roster of ballplayers. "Basically we ended the season with a totally new, different team than we started with," Granite City player/manager Brian Harshany said. "Guys were dropping off left and right and it was hard to find quality guys to replace them."

The defections threw a wrench into team chemistry. "The main problem was that the guys didn't know each other," Harshany said. "When the core group of guys don't know each other, and aren't used to playing together, you can't click too well, and that makes life difficult on the team."

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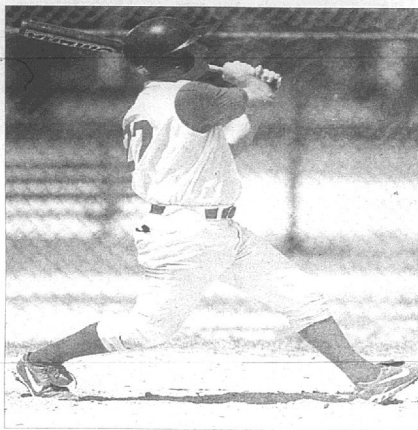
Brian Harshany
 Steelers manager

Despite the poor team finish, several of the Steelers had successful individual seasons. Harshany batted .333 with three home runs and 14 runs batted in.

Mark Briggs batted .260 with two home runs and 13 RBI. Utility man P.J. Peruca hit .314 and Brett Kisro batted .302.

Josh Starwalt had the highest average, going 4 for 11. But Starwalt was a relief pitcher. The mound was where Harshany made his bigger contribution.

Josh did a real good job in relief," Harshany said. "He did really well for us. P.J. Peruca could pretty much play any position and that helped us



Tim Stephenson photo
 Mark Briggs of the Granite City Steelers hit .260 with two home runs and 13 runs batted in this summer.

out a lot. Pete Kleemann had an outstanding summer for us. He was 3-2, but he should have had a much better record. He had a 3.27 ERA, but he didn't get much run support."

The Steelers spent much of the summer swinging slumbering lumber. "Run support was our main problem," Harshany said. "We had a really solid defense that

didn't make many errors, and we had good pitching. Our offense just didn't help us out a lot."

Harshany hopes the absenteeism flees next summer and the current group can lead a return to better times.

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Mon-Clair series halted by melee

Buds-Lakers game's fate to be decided at Monday meeting

By Karen Vartanian
 Staff writer

The Mon-Clair Baseball League championship game was halted by an incident during the contest Sunday at

MON-CLAIR BASEBALL
 Peter and Paul

Field in Waterloo.

A bench-clearing brawl erupted between the Waterloo Buds and the Valmeyer Lakers, forcing umpires to suspend the championship contest indefinitely.

Mon-Clair League president Mel Patton expected to reach a decision at a league meeting Monday evening.

"What an unfortunate incident this was to end a

beautiful weekend of great baseball games," Mon-Clair League president Mel Patton said. "It was a really fun weekend up until this incident. That's terribly unfortunate. I feel badly as do the players and the managers involved."

The fireworks started with one out in the top of the fourth inning.

After Mason Horne's three-run homer gave the Lakers a 3-1 lead, Buds pitcher Brandon Musso hit Valmeyer third baseman Craig Hoffmann with a pitch.

Following a strikeout, Musso designated hitter Jeff Riebeling. Already down one

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Warriors commence preparations for '99

Attitude and conditioning are keys to defending conference title

By Rick Broome
 Staff writer

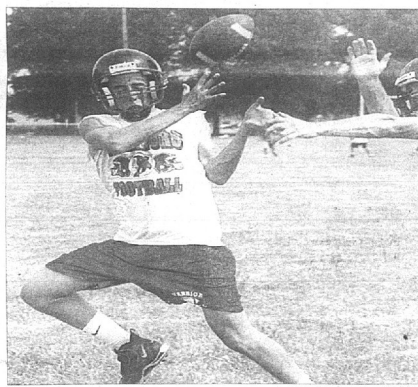
In 1998, the Granite City soccer team captured the Southwestern Conference championship in a bit of a surprise.

BOYS SOCCER
 On Monday preparations began as the Warriors attempt to defend that title this fall. High school soccer teams were allowed to begin their practices on Monday.

"We are working on conditioning and getting a general look at the personnel," Granite City head coach Gene Baker said. "We are working on the fundamentals and just getting them acquainted with the logistics of what we

will be doing for the next couple of weeks, at least. We got some new equipment in the weight room and we are introducing them to the equipment and how to use it. We have this stretch trainer, which I think will be very useful for us; the aerodyne bike, which we felt would help us, as well as the other equipment which we usually use. Beyond that, we are really trying to work on having them acquire the kind of attitude that we want in order to create an atmosphere for winning. Most of the people think our personnel has gone down, and that may be true, but we have some kids that we feel very positive about and

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Tim Stephenson photo
Getting ready
 A Granite City High School football player attempts to catch a pass during last week's practices. The Warriors open Aug. 27 at Cahokia.

Moehrs: 'Sad day' for league; Buds, Lakers see it differently

By Karen Vartanian
 Staff writer

Perhaps Waterloo manager Vern Moehrs best summed up during the contest Sunday during the

MON-CLAIR BASEBALL
 League championship game.

"I think this is a sad day for the Mon-Clair League," Moehrs said. Moehrs was referring to an altercation that took place in the top of the fourth inning Sunday, which ultimately led to the game being suspended.

Stationed at first base with one out, Valmeyer's Craig Hoffmann broke for second base on a hit and run. Buds catcher Jim Anderson fired to second baseman Neil Fiala, who applied the tag on Hoffmann.

Hoffmann spiked Fiala on the play, which caused a bench-clearing brawl and eventually forced umpires to call the game.

"It was a hit and run,"

said a visibly shaken Hoffmann. "I guess the batter missed the pitch and I went into second. Both of us got up and Neil looked down at his leg and it was cut pretty bad. It's not a good way to end a game."

Valmeyer manager Dennis Pieper said he did not think Hoffmann's slide was too high. "The bad thing was the spike got caught and went down the leg rather than just one little spot," Pieper said. "If I was him (Fiala), I'd be upset too. You hate to see anybody get hurt, but at the same time, it was a legal situation. That's not the first guy that's ever been spiked in a game from a slide. All three umpires said it was a legal slide and that was legal in that situation. But you hate to see anybody get hurt."

Waterloo manager Vern Moehrs said he could not determine whether Hoffmann's slide was

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No surprise: East St. Louis has compiled best record in the '90s

Flyers have won 79 of 105 games; Edwardsville next with 66 wins

By Brian Bretsch
 Staff writer

With one more football season left in this decade, East St. Louis High has all but sealed the title as winningest Metro East football team in the 1990s.

The Flyers won 79 of the 105 games they played from 1980 to 1998.

Bob Shannon guided East St. Louis to more than half of those wins. During his stint in the early '90s, the Flyers posted a 50-12 record before Shannon resigned two games into the 1995 season.

Shannon also led the Flyers to the IHSAA Class 6A championship in 1991. The Flyers were the last Metro East team to win a state crown. Belleville Althoff was the only other Metro East team to win a title in the '90s, capturing the IHSAA Class 3A title in 1990 for its second straight crown.

Terry Hill took the East St. Louis reigns in 1996 and has

guided the Flyers to a 19-12 mark. That record includes six forfeit losses during a teachers strike in 1997.

Edwardsville ranks second, winning 66 of 90 games for a .733 winning percentage.

Tim Dougherty took over the Tigers program in 1992 and the squad has not suffered a losing season during his stint. In seven seasons, Dougherty has posted a 57-15 mark.

Dougherty, also Edwardsville's athletic director, said the credit belongs to the players and a coaching staff that has remained almost completely intact since Dougherty's inaugural season at EHS. "I guess it is attributed to the great kids who have invested a lot of time in the program," Dougherty said. "Those first two or three teams, those kids were the key to the foundation and hard work. We're really fortunate the kids are willing to put the time we expect from them into it. Having a few good athletes doesn't hurt either. We've had

some gifted athletes." Edwardsville's winning ways in the 1990s have included postseason appearances and success. The team has made the playoffs the last four years, winning two games in 1995 and one each in '96 and '97.

"It's a second season," Dougherty said. "So many things have to fall into place, you have to get a few bounces and no injuries. The kids have to think beyond the ninth game of the season. We always expect to play beyond the ninth game. We'll tell the kids we'll need this or that down the road so the kids expect it (to make the playoffs)."

O'Fallon is third winningest program followed by Waterloo and Freeburg, which are fourth and fifth respectively. Waterloo athletic director Rick Keefe praised both the players and the coaches for the Bulldogs success.

"It says a lot about our program," said Keefe, who begins his fifth year as Waterloo's AD this fall. "We're

Winning in the 1990s

School	W	L	Pct.
East St. Louis	79	26	.752
Edwardsville	66	24	.733
Waterloo	60	20	.667
Freeburg	61	30	.678
Cahokia	61	31	.663
Columbia	50	34	.595
O'Fallon	50	36	.581
Belleville East	50	36	.581
Althoff	33	41	.444
Ellis Lincoln*	49	38	.563
Mascoutah	35	45	.438
Trist	35	45	.438
Granite City	28	54	.344
Belleville West	29	53	.352
Collinsville	24	59	.288
Red Bud	14	66	.175

*East St. Louis Lincoln merged with East St. Louis prior to 1998-99 school year.

always competitive. We play a pretty good schedule. The kids work hard. We really have some hard-working athletes. And our coaches all work hard."

Tom Vogt, who is taking over the Bulldogs helm this

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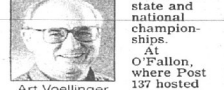
John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville High School has just 24 wins in the 1990s with eight of those coming last year under coach Tim Kane.

Sports

Seipp directed O'Fallon Juniors to 24 Ws

19-year-old manager has spent years around game



Art Voellinger Sports Views

The American Legion baseball season that featured more than just Edwardsville's attempt to defend its state and national championships.

At O'Fallon, coach Matt Seipp managed Post 137 to host the Junior Legion state finals.

Although his team finished with a 24-10 record after stumbling in the second round of the Junior finals, the tournament represented a near coup for the former O'Fallon High second baseman and pitcher.

In 1996, Matt was a member of the O'Fallon Junior Legion team that won a state championship and finished with a 31-9 record.

Affiliated with the O'Fallon Legion since general manager Jim Cobb allowed him to be a bat boy at age 8, Matt is part of a Seipp tradition that has his cousin Scott Seipp managing the Senior team, dad Dennis maintaining the Bladiz Field diamond and mom Gerri and sister Michelle assisting promotions.

"I really love coaching and would like to do it on the high school level," said Matt, who served as a student assistant his freshman year at ISU but could be a walk-on pitcher as a sophomore.

"I'm majoring in construction management, but am considering adding education as a second major," Matt said.

A leader of South Seven Conference championship teams in high school, Matt also played for the Post 137 Legion team but said there is a noticeable difference between being a player and a coach.

"It's easy to get ready for a game as a player, but as a coach you've got to get the whole team up," said Matt.

"There are more mental aspects to consider as a coach."

O'Fallon tied Fairview Heights for first place in the District 22 South Division during the regular season.

"I was fortunate," Matt said. "We had no player absences during the season and I had good assistant coaches (Eric Buck and Andy Buchler)."

Matt Seipp maintained a thorough filing system and has the lineup card and scorebook for each game he coached.

"I spent a lot of time going over the lineups and took before we'd play a team the second time," Matt said.

Taking time to study the game is not unusual for Matt, who apparently has been doing that since age 8.



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The Collinsville United Invasion under-10 girls soccer team won the Riverbend Eagles Father's Day Tournament, June 18-19. Members of the team are (from left to right): in front — Samantha Braeutigam, Megan Toebe, Kaitlyn Toebe, Ashley Weimann, Melissa Ramsay, Kelli Hunsinger, Rebecca Holcomb; Seated row — Morgan Elliott, Abby Adams, Ashley Sturiniolo, Lindsey Rujawitz, Lauren Woods, Maddyline Ligon and Abby Wooley; in back — coaches Jeff Ligon and Jeff Braeutigam.

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By Deborah L. Correspondent

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Wood River Triathlon draws 242 competitors

By Deborah L. Bates
Correspondent

The 14th annual Wood River Triathlon, hosted by the Wood River Aquatic Center, tested the endurance and strength of 242 athletes on Saturday.

TRIATHLON

The competition began with 480 meters of swimming, then included 12 miles of bike riding and concluded with four miles of running. Participants could compete as individuals or in teams. A total of 242 people competed, 198 of them as individuals.

"It's a lot of fun," Jeff Fromme of Bethalto said as he waited his turn to begin the event. "I haven't swam all at all. I might be walking a bit."

Fromme said he competes to stay fit, but that the event gives him a goal.

Mike Wever of Edwardsville has competed in about 10 of the 14 Wood River Triathlons, but the event was the first for his wife, Kathy.

"I don't swim, so I put a team together," she said.

Mike Wever's final time for the triathlon came to 1 hour, 24 minutes and 57 seconds.

"It's my personal worst, by the way," he said.

Kathy Wever's team came

in at 1 hour, 27 minutes and 18 seconds.

"We don't train like we used to now that we have kids," Mike Wever said.

The Wevers are members of the Metro-Tri Club, a group of people who train together one day a week. In summer, they either ride bikes or walk for 25 miles. During colder months, they run for seven miles.

"On Sundays, we get a car so we can run six to eight miles," Mike Wever said. "During the rest of the week, we deal with logistics of having a family and work schedules."

"The priorities change," Kathy Wever said. "But the kids see us exercise and stay fit."

Bob Patterson of Wood River, another member of the Metro-Tri Club,

competed as an individual and also as part of a team with his 14-year-old daughter, Shira. In their team competition, Patterson

biked and Shira swam. Patterson, who has

competed in the Wood River Triathlon about eight or nine times, trains by swimming

and running. He and Shira train together in the pool.

After finishing her first triathlon, Shira had not decided whether she wants to compete again next year.

"If she wants to, we'll do it," guaranteed, her father said.

Mon-Clair series halted by melee

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strike, Riebeling swung and missed at another delivery as Hoffmann attempted to steal second base.

Catcher Jim Anderson's throw to second baseman Neil Fiala arrived well ahead of Hoffmann, who was tagged out.

But Hoffmann spiked Fiala on the play, which instigated the fight.

The melee ensued for several minutes before the umpires called the game.

The incident escalated to the point where Waterloo police, the Monroe County sheriff and Illinois state

police were summoned to restore order. No arrests were made.

After the brawl, Waterloo manager Vern Moehrs and Valmeyer manager Dennis Pieper told Patton they

could control their players and continue the game.

"The concern, when I talked to the managers out at home plate, I asked both

managers, I said, 'Can you control your players?'" Patton said. "And they said

yes. Both managers turned right around and said to me, 'But we cannot control

spectators.' At that point in time, both managers said, 'Let's stop.' They were

afraid that it would become a spectator issue and violence might occur. They were both frightened

actually of possible conflict among the fans.

"They have no way of being able to control the spectators."

If resumed, the game will start at the same spot when it was suspended.

Valmeyer was leading 3-1 in the fourth inning and needed to win two straight games in the

double-elimination event to take the title from defending champion Waterloo.

Fiala, meanwhile, suffered a large gash in his leg and was taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's in south St. Louis County. He was

treated and released.

"That's the worst spike wound I've ever seen," Patton said. "I've been

around baseball a long time and I've seen spike wounds and players get hurt on a lot of occasions. This was a

particularly nasty spike wound."

Fiala and Hoffmann were the only players ejected from the game by the

umpires. Hoffmann's future as a Mon-Clair League player also was in question as of Monday.

Buds and Lakers see incident differently

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intentionally high.

"I can't answer that," Moehrs said. "The only thing I can tell you is it's on film, if you want to take a look at it."

Waterloo leftfielder Barry Grant said he had a clear view of the play.

"He went out of his way on a stolen base," Grant said. "It wasn't that he was breaking

up a double play. He went out of the baseline by at least five feet and went at Neil Fiala's

knees. If he's not kicked out of this league, then this league's just going right down the tubes because it was a

blatant effort to try to take out his knees — to injure him, not to break up that play."

"There's a big difference," Grant was enjoying the championship atmosphere until the melee took place.

"Valmeyer came out here today ready to play baseball," Grant said. "It was a good

game up until this point. These guys played hard. It was a good, clean game. And then

when somebody does something like that, I don't see how either team can come back out here and continue on playing when we let bush

leaguers in the league like that."

Moehrs did not think the game will be continued either. That was to be determined

Monday night at a league meeting.

Waterloo was attempting to capture its 13th league championship Sunday.

Valmeyer led 3-1 at the time of the incident and needed to win two straight against the

defending champion Buds to take the title in the double-elimination event.

Waterloo (35-6) had defeated Millstadt and Greenville in previous playoff games.

Valmeyer (15-12), after losing its first playoff game, defeated Millstadt and Greenville to avoid elimination.

Steelers have eyes on better results next year

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"I'm hoping that next year these guys all come back so we can get the core group back together," Harshbarger said.

"Having that from the beginning should help a lot."

"There were 17 guys on the

roster at the beginning of the season. Then two guys got drafted. Jeff Hidenout went to play with the River City

Rascals of the independent Class A Frontier League, and four or five guys quit. It was

disappointing, but I think we will definitely improve next year. We'll just have to keep

working hard."

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O'Fallon	8-3	8-2	3-6	5-4	8-2	9-1	6-3	6-4	7-3
Waterloo	5-4	6-4	5-4	13-1	7-4	8-2	6-3	5-4	6-4
Freeburg	8-2	5-4	6-4	6-4	7-3	9-4	9-2	6-4	5-4
Cahokia	5-4	4-5	6-4	9-3	6-3	8-3	7-3	8-1	4-5
Columbia	8-3	9-2	12-1	5-4	7-3	2-7	5-4	4-5	4-5
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* East St. Louis Lincoln merged with East St. Louis prior to 1998-99 school year.

Flyers boast best football record in the '90s

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fail, has been a component in the Bulldogs consistency. Vogt had served as Waterloo's defensive coordinator since 1986 before taking over for Steve Sergeketter this fall.

"Being the defensive coach, I'd like to think the success has something to do with the defense keeping us in the game," said Vogt, who previously was Waterloo's head coach from 1983-1985.

While those five schools have been the cream of the local crop, Red Bud, Collinsville, Belleville West, Granite City and Triad have not fared well in the 1990s.

All five schools have coaches who have been hired within the last four years. Dennis Sney begins his first year at Belleville West. Paul Bassler of Triad and

Todd Rushing of Red Bud are entering their second campaigns while Collinsville's Tim Kane begins his third and Nick Petrillo of Granite City enters his fourth.

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Warriors begin preparations for '99

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we are trying to make that spread."

Positive attitude and physical conditioning are crucial to the Warriors' season.

"In our team discussion today, I told them that some of our goals were attitude, work-rate, and responding in practice — that's what plays," Baker said. "Response is the key. We want responsive practices where when a coach makes an investment in you as to, this is what you need to do, this is what you do not need to

do, we need to see that done immediately. It can't be just, well, you move on and then make the same mistake again. We're trying to just incorporate that all into having a disciplined team."

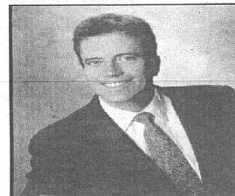
"We need them to come together and be a team, but we are really interested in the character of the team. We are telling them that this is the way it's going to be and we simply will not tolerate some things, even on a one-time basis."

Most of the players at the Warriors first practice also attended Baker's Warriors Kicker Camp in early June on the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College.

"It has shown on some of the kids," Baker said. "Richie Edwards has really come to the preseason camp in good condition, and I'm really pleased about that. Some of the kids are in better condition, but the key is to be able to sustain it, because we can't afford to have too many injuries."

Granite City's schedule again will be difficult right from the start.

"We have Peoria Richwoods to start the season," Baker said. "Then we have a very tough away game against (St. Charles County, Mo.) Francis Howell Central. That team is terrific, they are going to be very good."

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St. Louis County police officers asking for pay raises

By Brian Hoener
Staff writer

A pay increase appears to be in the future for St. Louis County police officers to make them more competitive with other area departments. St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall has proposed a new pay plan that would provide additional police salary increases of about \$1.3 million.

The new pay plan would increase the starting pay of county police officers from \$28,664 to \$34,842, a 22 percent increase. According to Westfall's office, the new pay plan would not require a tax increase.

The following is a list of current starting salaries from St. Louis area police departments:

- Maryland Heights, \$33,702;
- Ferguson, \$31,304;
- Crestwood, \$30,135;
- St. Louis County, \$28,664.

Additional improvements for other ranks in the county police department are also included in the proposed new plan.

Westfall said he believes the officers are well deserving. "The St. Louis County Police Department is one of the finest police agencies in the United States, as evidenced by their international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law

Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) as well as their proven track record in reducing crime over the last several years," Westfall said in a release.

CALEA evaluates a police department's operating procedures, principles and standards.

"It speaks well for the quality of service and people we have working here," Battelle said, adding that the county police department is the largest local department in Missouri to receive this certification.

With approval from the St. Louis County Council, the new pay plan would be incorporated into the 2000

"We want to address the situation before it becomes a problem, which is why we've made the recommendation for the increase."

Ron Battelle
St. Louis County police chief

budget.

One of the biggest supporters of the increase is County Councilman, Jeff Wagener, 6th District. He along with county Police Chief Ron Battelle, recently sent letters urging Westfall to consider raising county police officers' salaries.

"We just wanted to let the

county executive know that county officers were in need of an increase," Battelle said. Battelle said it has been two years since the county adjusted officers' salaries. He said an increase would help retain officers who otherwise might consider leaving to work for a higher paying municipal police department.

"We want to address the situation before it becomes a problem, which is why we've made the recommendation for the increase," Battelle said.

"We have to be fair to our officers; crime is down everywhere in St. Louis County," Wagener said. "It shows what a wonderful job they're doing."

Multiple Sclerosis Society plans its education conference for Saturday

By Michael Penrod
Staff writer

Chronic fatigue, numbness and loss of coordination are just parts of life with Multiple Sclerosis, a disease that affects more than 350,000 Americans.

Hoping to provide local residents and victims of MS some tips on how to cope with the debilitating neurological disorder, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host a 1999 Education Day conference on Aug. 21 at the Holiday Inn in Clayton.

The conference is aimed primarily at helping women deal with the disease, said

Todd Vassel, a spokesman for the organization.

Vassel said the conference will focus on women because they develop MS twice as often as men do, though researchers are drawing a blank as to why.

In general women, more than men, are susceptible to autoimmune diseases like MS, Vassel said.

He said the conference will discuss research issues, such as the role hormones play in the disease, as well as other topics, including sexuality, incontinence, sustaining and maintaining healthy relationships and motherhood with MS.

Vassel said one of the most

important issues on the agenda is general health and well being.

Pam Sullivan, a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology, suffers from MS and will be hosting that discussion.

She said victims of chronic diseases need to examine their overall health along with their ability to combat their respective diseases.

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Dr. Pam Sullivan, Guest Speaker
Multiple Sclerosis Education Day

Admission to the conference is free, but participants are encouraged to call in advance to reserve seating. To make a reservation, contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 781-9020 or 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

MS is a disease in which the body's own immune system

attacks the central nervous system, scarring the myelin, a protective coating surrounding the body's nerves.

Heavy scarring and pitting of the myelin disrupts nerve signals traveling to and from the brain, causing a loss of motor skills, numbness and fatigue.

Often MS goes misdiagnosed in its early stages because symptoms like numbness and fatigue are subjective and aren't easily identified through an MRI or other medical test.

MS most commonly strikes women between the ages of 30 and 50.

Free air quality workshop set at Farm Bureau auditorium

Do you notice odors lingering in the air of your home? Do you notice condensation on the inside of the windows in your home during the winter? If you do, you may have an indoor air problem.

In recent years studies have shown that the air people breathe inside their homes can be more polluted than the air outside. The Madison-St. Clair Unit of the University of Illinois Extension will conduct a train-the-trainer workshop titled "Indoor Air Quality" on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m., at the Madison County Farm Bureau auditorium, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville. In this workshop,

presented by Lois Smith, Extension Educator, participants will learn about the six major indoor air pollutants, how to know if the pollutants are in the air, how to keep them from entering the home, and how to remove the pollutants.

This information is designed to train leaders of local organizations or groups to retrench the information presented in the workshop.

The workshop is free and open to the public, with pre-registration requested. For further information, or to register, contact the University of Illinois Extension office at 692-7700.

Billy Graham crusade starting class for counselors

By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

About 12,000 people are going back to school next week to learn about how to share their Christian faith.

Starting Monday, the Greater St. Louis Billy Graham Crusade will launch the five-week Christian Life and Witness classes at 30 locations throughout the area. The classes end Sept. 25.

People wanting to be counselors at the Billy Graham Crusade Oct. 14-17 at the Trans World Dome must attend the weekly classes.

To become a counselor, "they can't miss more than one," said crusade director Scott Lenning.

Each week, those attending

"In the fourth week, we talk about actual counseling at the crusade."

Scott Lenning
Billy Graham Crusade director

fill out an attendance card, he said.

Counselors meet with inquirers who come forward at the end of the evening in a Billy Graham crusade. Inquirers might make an initial public commitment to Christ or rededicate their lives to the Lord, he said.

Afterward, a committee directs people who come forward to a nearby church or one matching their religious preference if they didn't come with a church.

In the first 2-1/2 weeks of the Christian Life and Witness Classes, those attending learn about a personal relationship with Jesus and how to make it better, Lenning said.

The third week deals with sharing faith one-on-one.

"In the fourth week, we talk about actual counseling at the crusade," Lenning said. The fifth week deals with follow-up.

Generally, half of those attending the sessions become

counselors.

Since the Graham crusade needs 6,000 to 7,000 counselors, it is seeking twice that number to attend the classes.

Schedules for all the classes are available at individual churches.

Interested persons also can find out about classes by calling the crusade office at 426-1999 or visiting the crusade web site at www.stlouiscrusade.org.

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Edwardsville's Lutheran school already fall-ready

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Students who will attend Metro East Lutheran High School have just under a day of summer vacation remaining before the 1999-2000 school year begins.

On Thursday, the school held freshman orientation for 65 students. The new students learned how to deal with various social situations and how to improve on academic skills.

They got a small look at the values they will be taught throughout their four years in high school.

"People pick schools for certain values," Principal Sigmund Bohnet said. "The values MELHS practice are that of home, church and school. MELHS nurtures the whole lifestyle of the students."

Metro East Lutheran students experience a community environment, he said, and are encouraged to be active in extracurricular activities. Bohnet said he believes the best students are those who are actively engaged in the school. He wants the students to be involved in a place where they feel they belong and feel welcome.

Bohnet said that while the private school cannot compete with public schools in many areas, there are things Metro East Lutheran can do that public schools cannot.

For instance, if a student is experiencing difficulty and he or she needs guidance, a staff member may pray with the student. In their senior year, students take a class on ethics, morals and family values.

"During their entire senior year they are dealing with what they want," Bohnet said. "They ask themselves 'How do

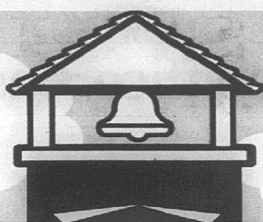
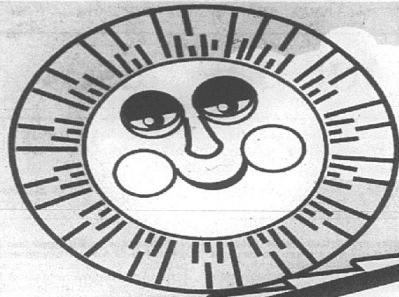
Because of the recent shootings in high schools across the country, Metro East Lutheran is exploring ways to further ensure the safety of the students. The school has always taken measures such as restricting entry ways during the day and registering guests at special events.

I want my life to start as an adult?"

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"We've got a good student body and a supportive student body, but we have kids who are human, too," Bohnet said. This year the high school will focus on improving the students' computer and technical skills. Staff development will include recognition of teachers who do exceptional work and offering incentives for those situations.

The school has hired two new teachers. Bethany Hoff will teach algebra and will assist with the girls basketball program. Paul Thompson will teach upper-level mathematics and will serve as the football and boys basketball coach. David Redden has been hired as the new athletic director.



Granite City District #9

1999-2000 School Information

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Dear Parents and Citizens of Community Unit School District #9:

We are honored to serve as members of the Board of Education as our School District enters the new millennium. Our children comprise only 20% of our population; yet, they are 100% of our future. To prepare for their future, we are making every effort to ensure that the 1999-2000 school year is filled with promise.

Construction is well under way for three of our four building projects. The foundations are in at both Niedringhaus (four rooms) and Maryville (six rooms) and considerable progress can be seen at Coolidge. At the same time, we anticipate breaking ground this fall on the fifteen-room addition to Grigsby.

In other news, we received a class size reduction grant of \$212,000.00 to be used in Grades K-3. This will add approximately six new teachers to the existing staff.

In light of the shootings at Littleton, Colorado, improving school safety will remain a priority for the Board of Education. To that end, the Board has developed and adopted several new policies designed to assist in preventing the type of school violence that was seen in Littleton, Colorado. We will continue to make every effort to improve school security and improve student behavior. We are working in close cooperation with law enforcement officials to develop detailed emergency response plans to be used in the event of any threat to our students.

As a Board, we are committed to working closely with each citizen in the School District. We encourage citizens to attend Board meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We welcome direct input and appreciate receiving written correspondence. We were elected by you and, together, the Board and its citizens will provide the finest possible education to our students.

Sincerely,

John P. Schuman Board President
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3200 Maryville Road
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1999-2000 Granite City C.U.S.D. #9

Sr. High School

William Rotter, Prin.
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Cindy Gagich, Asst.
Debbie Wilkerson, asst.

Coolidge

Rick Talley
Jim Greenwald, Asst.

Grigsby

Alan Crider

Frohardt Elementary

Cindy Mills

Lake Elementary

Nancy Sanders

Marshall Elementary

Virgil Kambarian

Maryville Elementary

Clabbie Briggs

Mitchell Elementary

Greg Patton

Niedringhaus Elementary

Ellen Voyles

Prather Elementary

Norbert Tate

Wilson Elementary

Jim Parker, Asst.

Worthen Elementary

Ruth Noeth

Debra Garland

TIME SCHEDULES FOR THE OPENINGS & DISMISAL OF SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Senior High School	8:00 AM	3:07 PM
Coolidge Middle School	8:00 AM	3:10 PM
Grigsby Middle School	8:20 AM	3:35 PM
Elementary (Except Maryville)	8:00AM	2:45 PM
Maryville Elementary	8:00AM	2:15 PM

SPORTS SCHEDULES 1999-2000

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GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL - 1999-2000

Mon., Nov. 15	Alton	TBA	
Wed., Nov. 17	Alton	TBA	
Fri., Nov. 19	Alton	TBA	
Sat., Nov. 20	Alton	TBA	
Tues., Nov. 23	WoodRiver (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Nov. 29	O'Fallon (Fresh)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Tues., Nov. 30	Belleville East (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Dec. 2	Edwardsville (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Tues., Dec. 7	Belleville West (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Dec. 9	Alton (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Dec. 13	Jerseyville (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Wed., Dec. 15	E. St. Louis (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Dec. 16	Cris Memorial (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Mon., Dec. 20	Columbia (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Mon., Dec. 27-30	Nashville Tourn.	TBA	
Mon., Dec. 28-30	Collinsville (Fresh)	TBA	
Tues., Dec. 4	Triad (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Jan. 5	Collinsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Tues., Jan. 18	E. St. Louis (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Jan. 21	Collinsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Jan. 28	Edwardsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Feb. 4	Belleville East (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Tues., Feb. 8	Belleville West (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Mon., Feb. 14-16	IHSA Regionals	TBA	
Mon., Feb. 21-24	IHSA Super-Sectionals	TBA	
Mon., Feb. 28	IHSA State Finals	TBA	
Fri., Mar. 3-4	IHSA State Finals	TBA	

Head Coach John Moad
Assistants Bruce Frank, Paul Macios

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL - 1999-2000

Wed., Dec. 1	Edwardsville	6:00 p.m.	Home
Mon., Dec. 6	Cris Memorial	6:00 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Dec. 9	Alton	6:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Dec. 13	Edwardsville	6:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Dec. 15	O'Fallon (Fresh)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Tues., Jan. 4	Belleville West	6:00 p.m.	Away
Wed., Jan. 5	WoodRiver (Fresh)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Jan. 10	E. St. Louis	6:00 p.m.	Home
Wed., Jan. 12	Collinsville	6:00 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Jan. 13	Highland (Fresh)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Tue-Thurs., Jan. 18-20	Fresh Tournament	TBA	
Wed., Jan. 19	O'Fallon (Soph)	9:00 p.m.	Away
Wed., Jan. 26	Edwardsville	6:15 p.m.	Away
Sat., Jan. 29	CM Tournament (Soph)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Jan. 31	Alton	6:00 p.m.	Home
Fri., Feb. 1	Alton	6:00 p.m.	Home
Wed., Feb. 3	Belleville East	6:00 p.m.	Home
Wed., Feb. 9	Belleville West	6:00 p.m.	Home
Wed., Feb. 16	E. St. Louis	6:00 p.m.	Home
Sat., Feb. 19	Collinsville	6:00 p.m.	Home

Sophomore Coach Dave Weller
Freshman Coach John Moad

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL - 1999-2000

Mon., Nov. 22	Alton Tournament	TBA	
Fri., Nov. 24	Alton Tournament	TBA	
Sat., Nov. 27	Alton Tournament	TBA	
Fri., Dec. 3	Edwardsville	6:15 p.m.	Away
Sat., Dec. 4	Triad	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 11	Belleville West	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 17	Belleville East	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 18	Jerseyville	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 25-29	Collinsville Tournament	TBA	
Tues., Jan. 4	Cris Memorial	6:15 p.m.	Home
Fri., Jan. 14	E. St. Louis	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Jan. 14	Collinsville	6:15 p.m.	Away
Jan. 19, 20, 21, 22	Salem Tournament	TBA	
Fri., Jan. 28	Edwardsville	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Jan. 29	Alton	6:15 p.m.	Home
Fri., Feb. 4	Belleville East	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Feb. 11	Belleville West	6:15 p.m.	Away
Sat., Feb. 19	Collinsville	6:15 p.m.	Home
Tues., Feb. 22	O'Fallon	6:15 p.m.	Home
Fri., Feb. 25	O'Fallon	6:15 p.m.	Home
Feb. 28-Mar. 3	IHSA Regionals	TBA	
Mar. 7 & 10	IHSA Super-Sectionals	TBA	
Mar. 17-18	IHSA State Finals	TBA	

JV game is played Feb. 10

Head Coach John VanBuskirk

Assistants Carl Luehmann, Daren DePew, Dave Weller, Raffi Karibian

GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING - 1999-2000

Tues., Nov. 23	O'Fallon (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Wed., Nov. 24	Carbondale	6:00 p.m.	Away
Fri., Dec. 3	Edwardsville (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 4	Morton/Bloomington/Pekin	11:00 a.m.	Bloomington
Sat., Dec. 11	C.C. Freshmen Invitational	9:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Dec. 9	Cris Memorial (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Fri., Dec. 10	Spill/Lamp/Champaign Cent.	6:30 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 11	Francis Howell North JV Tourn.	9:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Dec. 16	Belleville West JV Tourn.	6:00 p.m.	Home
Sat., Dec. 18	Springfield Tournament	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Dec. 18	Quincy JV Tourn.	10:00 a.m.	Away
Dec. 27-28 39th Annual William "Red" Schmitt Holiday Wrestling Tour	Belleville East (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Jan. 7	Morton Tournament	9:30 a.m.	Away
Sat., Jan. 8	3rd Annual Walt Whitaker JV Wrestling Tourn.	9:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Jan. 13	Alton (3L)	6:00 p.m.	Home
Fri., Jan. 14-15	Geneseo Tournament	TBA	
Fri., Jan. 21	Collinsville/Triad/Jerseyville	4:00 p.m.	Home
Sat., Jan. 22	Chat. Glenwood/Matton/Mascoutah	11:00	
Tues., Jan. 25	Collinsville (JV/Fresh)	6:00 p.m.	Away
Fri., Jan. 28	E. St. Louis (JV/Var)	4:00 p.m.	Home
Sat., Jan. 30	Belleville West Fresh Tourn	9:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Feb. 6	IHSA Regional	TBA	
Feb. 12-13	IHSA Sectionals	TBA	
Feb. 19-20	IHSA State	TBA	
Tues., Feb. 23	IHSA Super-Sectional	TBA	
Sat., Feb. 27	IHSA Team State	TBA	

Head Coach Mike Garland

Assistants Greg Garland, Mark Whitaker

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL - 1999-2000

Tues., Aug. 31	Cris Memorial (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Fri., Sept. 2	Alton (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Sept. 8	Highland (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Sept. 13	McCluer North (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Sept. 16	Collinsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Mon., Sept. 13	Waterloo Glibault (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Fri., Sept. 17	Edwardsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 18	Granite City Invitational Tourn.	9:00 a.m.	Home
Wed., Sept. 22	Granite City Invitational Tourn.	9:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Sept. 23	O'Fallon (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 25	Belleville West (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Mon., Sept. 27	Granite City Freshman Tourn.	8:30 a.m.	Home
Wed., Sept. 29	Triad (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Sept. 30	E. St. Louis (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Fri., Oct. 1	Hazelwood East Fresh Tourn.	TBA	
Sat., Oct. 2	Collinsville Inv. Varsity	TBA	
Tue., Oct. 5	Collinsville (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Oct. 12	Belleville East (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Oct. 14	Hazelwood Central (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Oct. 20	Belleville East (3L)	6:15 p.m.	Away
Tues., Oct. 26	IHSA Regionals	TBA	
Fri., Nov. 5	IHSA Sectionals	TBA	
Sat., Nov. 6	IHSA Super-Sectionals	TBA	
Fri., Nov. 12	IHSA State	TBA	

Sophomore Coach Ruth Layton

Assistant Stephanie Kuhl

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1999 BOYS FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Sat., Aug. 28	Cahokia	9:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 4	Jerseyville	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Sept. 11	Edwardsville	10:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 18	Collinsville	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Sept. 25	Alton	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Oct. 2	Belleville East	10:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Oct. 9	Belleville West	10:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Oct. 16	Alton	9:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Oct. 21	E. St. Louis	4:00 p.m.	Away

Coaches: Joe Wallace, Chuck Kraus

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1999 BOYS SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

Sat., Aug. 28	Cahokia	11:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 4	Jerseyville	9:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 11	Edwardsville	10:00 a.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 18	Collinsville	10:00 a.m.	Home
Mon., Sept. 27	Alton	4:00 p.m.	Away
Sat., Oct. 2	Belleville East	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Oct. 9	Belleville West	10:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Oct. 16	Alton	11:00 a.m.	Home
Thurs., Oct. 21	E. St. Louis	4:00 p.m.	Home

Coaches: Greg Garland, Carl Luehmann

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1999 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Fri., Aug. 27	Cahokia	7:30 p.m.	Away
Fri., Sept. 3	Jerseyville	7:30 p.m.	Home
Fri., Sept. 10	Edwardsville	7:30 p.m.	Away
Fri., Sept. 17	Collinsville	7:30 p.m.	Away
Sat., Sept. 25	Belleville Alton	7:30 p.m.	Away
Fri., Oct. 8	Belleville East	7:30 p.m.	Home
Fri., Oct. 15	Belleville West	7:30 p.m.	Home
Fri., Oct. 22	E. St. Louis Homecoming	7:30 p.m.	Home

Head Coach: Nick Petrillo

Assistants: Daren DePew, Ron Yates, Tim Moran, Chuck Kraus, Joe Wallace, Carl Luehmann, Greg Garland

GRANITE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1999 BOYS FRESHMAN SOCCER

Thurs., Sept. 2	Hazelwood Central	4:00 p.m.	Away
Fri., Sept. 10	Collinsville	4:15 p.m.	Away
Mon., Sept. 13	Edwardsville	4:00 p.m.	Away
Tues., Sept. 14	CBC	4:00 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Sept. 16	Vianney	4:15 p.m.	Home
Mon., Sept. 20	Belleville West	4:00 p.m.	Away
Mon., Sept. 27	St. Louis U High	4:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Sept. 29	Highland	4:00 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Sept. 30	O'Fallon	4:00 p.m.	Away
Fri., Oct. 1	Belleville West	4:15 p.m.	Home
Sat., Oct. 2	Desmet Tournay	TBA	
Mon., Oct. 11	Edwardsville	4:00 p.m.	Away
Wed., Oct. 13	Collinsville	4:15 p.m.	Away
Wed., Oct. 20	Alton	4:15 p.m.	Away

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Sat., Aug. 28	Pecorria Richmond	11:00 a.m.	Home
Tues., Aug. 31	E. St. Louis (JV only)	4:30 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Sept. 2	Hazelwood Central	4:00 p.m.	Away
Sat., Sept. 4	Vianney	5:00 p.m.	Away
Tues., Sept. 7	Alton	5:30 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Sept. 9	Collinsville	5:30 p.m.	Home
Sat., Sept. 11	Springfield SH/Griffin	11:00 a.m.	Away
Sat., Sept. 18	Edwardsville	5:30 p.m.	Home
Mon., Sept. 20-25	Francis Howell	11:00 a.m.	Home
Mon., Sept. 27	Hazelwood Central Tournament	5:30 p.m.	Home
Wed., Sept. 29	O'Fallon	5:30 p.m.	Away
Thurs., Sept. 30	McCluer North	11:00 a.m.	Home
Mon., Oct. 4-9	19th Annual Pepsi Tournament of Champions	5:30 p.m.	Home
Thurs., Oct. 14	Belleville East	5:30 p.m.	Away
Fri., Oct. 15	Jefferson City	TBA	Away
Sat., Oct. 16	Jefferson City	TBA	Away
Thurs., Oct. 23	IHSA Regional	TBA	
Thurs., Oct. 28-30	IHSA Super-Sectionals	TBA	
Tues., Nov. 2	IHSA Sectionals	TBA	
Fri., Nov. 5	IHSA State	TBA	
Sat., Nov. 6	IHSA State	TBA	

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LOCATION	BUS NO.	TIME	LOCATION	BUS NO.	TIME	LOCATION	BUS NO.	TIME	LOCATION	BUS NO.	TIME
Abel Ct.	28	7:15	Hemlock	4	7:10	Old Hwy. 3	18	7:10	Waterford Circle	14	7:15
Adams (1900-2200)	25	7:40	Herbert	16	7:05	Old Rock Rd.	8	7:20	Waterford Rd.	15	7:30
Alexander	25	7:40	Hill St.	19	7:10	Osprey	24	7:20	Wellington Dr.	38	7:10
Alice	40	7:25	Hinkle Ct.	19	7:10	Paradise Ln.	28	7:15	W. 20th St. (2200-2400)	18	7:20
Angela Dr.	4	7:05	Holiday Mobile Homes	23	7:15	Park Ave. (2000)	21	7:05	W. 20th St. (2600-3100)	17	7:05
Arlington Dr.	26	7:10	Hwy. 3	8	7:20	Park Ln. (4000)	10	7:05	W. 21st St. (2200-2400)	18	7:15
Arlington Dr.	26	7:10	Hwy. 3	8	7:20	Park Ln. (5000)	31	7:10	W. 22nd St. (2200-2400)	18	7:15
Army Depot	19	7:10	Hwy. 111 (Between 162	26	7:10	Parktowne Dr.	8	7:25	W. 22nd St. (2600-3100)	17	7:05
Arnold Dr.	4	7:10	SA35: 3500-3600	26	7:10	Parktowne West Trail Pk	17	7:05	W. 23rd St. (2200-2400)	18	7:15
Ashland	28	7:05	Hwy. 111 (2800-SA35)	23	7:05	Parkview Apts	14	7:15	W. 24th St. (2200-2500)	18	7:15
B Street	10	6:55	Hwy. 111 (Pontoon R. to I-270)	39	7:05	Parkview Dr.	14	7:15	W. 25th St. (2200-2400)	18	7:15
Barbara Ct.	26	7:15	Hwy. 162	26	7:10	Patricia Dr.	15	7:30	State (1200-2000)	15	7:30
Barkley	28	7:05	Edw. Rd. (4200-4500)	24	7:10	Paul Ave.	38	7:10	State (2100-2200)	18	7:10
Benning	38	7:10	Hwy. 162 (3200-4100)	24	7:10	Paul Dr. (1-25)	15	7:30	Sullivan Dr.	9	7:10
Benton (1900-2200)	25	7:40	Illinois Ave. (2000-2400)	17	7:00	Peacock	24	7:20	Swan Dr.	34	7:10
Bern	38	7:10	Independence Dr.	20	7:15	Peacock	24	7:20	Union (1000-1400) even only	39	7:05
Big Four Pl.	28	7:05	Iowa (1200-1400)	20	7:15	Perkin Ln.	26	7:20	Washington (2000-2200)	14	7:15
Bischoff Rd.	23	7:10	Iowa (2000-2100)	25	7:35	Petunia	24	7:20	1st St. Army Depot	14	7:15
Blue Spruce Ct.	4	7:05	Iris	24	7:20	Pine	4	7:05	13th St. (2000-2200)	36	7:00
Bluebird	36	7:05	Iron	21	7:00	Pontoon Rd. (2100-2300)	4	7:15	14th St. (2000-2200)	27	7:10
Boston Pl.	14	7:15	Ivy Ln.	24	7:20	Pontoon Rd. (2400)	4	7:15	15th St. (2000-2200)	14	7:15
Boyle	41	7:10	Janine Ct.	4	7:05	Pontoon Rd. (2500-3600)	4	7:20	16th St. (2000-2200)	34	7:05
Broadley	21	7:10	Jason Dr.	36	7:05	Pontoon Rd. (3700-4100)	24	7:25	19th Pl.	36	7:05
Brackenridge	31	7:00	Jeannette Dr.	23	7:20	Pontoon Rd. (3800-4000)	10	7:10	23rd St.	16	7:05
Bramen (1600-1800)	4	7:15	Jefferson	8	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	18	7:05	23rd St. (2000-2500)	36	7:05
Briarcliff	9	7:30	John Glen Dr.	10	6:55	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	24th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Briarhaven	9	7:30	Jones Park	24	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	25th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Briarmoor	9	7:30	Joseph Ct.	36	7:05	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	26th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Briarview	9	7:30	Joyce	24	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	27th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Briarwood	9	7:30	Justice Ct.	19	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	28th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Bruene	10	6:55	Karen Dr.	26	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	29th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Bruno Rd.	23	7:10	Kasebent Dr.	24	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	30th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Bryan	18	7:20	Kasebent Park	24	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	31st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Buena	14	7:10	Kayden	10	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	32nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Buenger	14	7:20	Katie Lynn Dr.	38	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	33rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Burton Subdivision	40	7:25	Keith Dr.	15	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	34th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cambridge Ct.	14	7:20	Keith Dr.	15	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	35th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cambridge Dr.	14	7:20	Kelly Dr.	23	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	36th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Carl	16	7:05	Kennedy Dr. (Army Depot)	19	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	37th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Carla	26	7:10	Kennedy Dr. (Tri-City Park)	21	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	38th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Carolyn	40	7:20	Kinder Ln.	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	39th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Carr	21	7:05	Lake Dr. (2200-3600)	23	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	40th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Catalpa	28	7:15	Lake Dr. (3700-3900)	10	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	41st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cayuga	17	7:05	Lake Dr. (4000-4300)	10	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	42nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cemetery Rd.	18	7:10	West Side of Lake	10	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	43rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Central Ave.	28	7:05	Lake Dr. (4400-up)	31	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	44th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Central Ln. (4000 Bk.)	10	7:05	Lake Dr. Triller Park (4700)	31	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	45th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Central Ln. (3900 Bk.)	31	7:00	Lakeview Dr. (1-50)	9	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	46th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Century Dr.	9	7:25	Lakeview Dr. (4900-5200)	31	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	47th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chain of Rocks Rd. (West)	15	7:25	Lakeview Dr. (4900-5200)	31	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	48th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Charles St.	25	7:30	Laurel Dr.	10	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	49th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Charlestown Circle	14	7:15	Lake Dr. (2000-2200)	25	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	50th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chesley	19	7:10	Lake Dr. (2000-2200)	25	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	51st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chestnut	19	7:15	Legacy Dr.	24	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	52nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chouteau Pl. Rd. (Slough)	8	7:15	Lenox	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	53rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chouteau St.	28	7:05	Lewis	26	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	54th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Chouteau Trace	28	7:15	Lexington Ct.	24	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	55th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Circle Dr.	9	7:25	Leyden	17	7:05	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	56th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cleveland (1200-1800)	20	7:10	Lily Ave.	24	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	57th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cleveland (1900-2200)	25	7:40	Lindsay (4900)	16	6:55	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	58th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Clinton	4	7:05	Lokenham	36	7:05	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	59th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Concord Ct.	14	7:15	Logan Ave. (2200-2400)	17	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	60th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cote Brillante	16	6:55	Lola	18	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	61st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Country Ln.	36	7:05	Lola	18	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	62nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Courtnay	38	7:15	Louis	25	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	63rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Cynthia Ln.	38	7:10	Lucky Ln.	15	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	64th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Daisy Ct.	26	7:05	Lynch (2100-2300)	4	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	65th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dawn (2100)	38	7:20	Lynch (2400)	41	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	66th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Davis Place	28	7:10	Lynch (2500-up)	41	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	67th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dawn (2200-2300)	4	7:10	Madison Ave. (1200-2000)	20	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	68th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Deborah Ct.	4	7:05	Mallard	24	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	69th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Delmar (1200-1900)	25	7:10	Maple (1600-1800)	19	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	70th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Delmar (2000-2100)	25	7:40	Margaret	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	71st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Delynn	38	7:10	Margaret	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	72nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Denver	17	7:05	Mark Ct.	14	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	73rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Depot, Army	19	7:10	Marquette Rd. (2700-3000, even)	14	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	74th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dewey	18	7:15	Maryville Rd. (3900-4900, even)	16	7:05	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	75th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Division	31	7:10	Maryville Rd. (5100-5500)	16	7:05	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	76th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Donald Ct.	24	7:25	Matthew Ct.	36	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	77th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dorothy Ct.	28	7:10	McIntosh Dr.	4	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	78th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dorothy Ct.	28	7:10	McIntosh Dr.	4	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	79th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Droke	24	7:20	McKinley	8	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	80th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Driftwood	28	7:10	Meadow Ln.	4	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	81st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Dwight	4	7:10	Meadow Ln.	4	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	82nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
E. Chain of Rocks Rd.	14	7:15	Meadowlark	36	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	83rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
East Lane (Army Depot)	19	7:10	Meridian (1100-1400)	21	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	84th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Eastgate	39	7:05	Meridian (1100-1400)	21	7:00	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	85th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edna	25	7:30	Middlesex Circle	14	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	86th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edison (1200-1900)	20	7:10	Mikil Dr.	26	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	87th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edison (200-2100)	25	7:40	Minerva	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	88th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edward	26	7:10	Miracle	38	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	89th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edwardville Rd. (1200-1400)	21	7:00	Missouri (2000-2400)	18	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	90th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edwardville Rd. (2800-2900)	25	7:30	Missouri (2600)	8	7:25	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	91st St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Edwardville Rd.	24	7:10	Mockingbird (2600-2700)	26	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	92nd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
(Hwy 162) 4200-4500	24	7:10	Mockingbird	36	7:15	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	93rd St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Elizabeth	21	7:00	Moffatt	15	7:30	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	94th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Ellison Rd.	24	7:10	Monroe (2100-2200)	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	95th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Enze	8	7:20	Moorland Dr.	28	7:10	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	96th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
Engineer Rd.	28	7:10	Morgan	8	7:20	Pontoon Rd. W. (1400)	9	7:30	97th St. (2000-2500)	28	7:15
English Pl.</											

A black and white photograph of a desk. In the upper left, a patterned cloth (possibly a napkin or placemat) is partially visible. Below it, a desk surface holds several pens or pencils, a stapler, and a calculator. The lighting creates strong shadows, emphasizing the textures of the objects.

Missouri's fuel tax goes to many government agencies

By Raymond Castille
Staff writer

"Gasoline may take a direct path through the combustion system of an automobile, but the taxes Missourians pay on that gasoline take a long and winding path through several government agencies."

Federal and state gasoline taxes fund construction and maintenance of highways and interstates, as well as bridges, railroad crossings and other projects.

It starts at the gas pump. The federal government charges motorists 18.4 cents for every gallon of gasoline purchased. Of this, 9.1 cents enters the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund. The remainder enters the Highway Trust Fund, with 15.4 cents directed to the highway account and 2.9 cents directed to the mass transit account.

The federal government charges a variety of other taxes for Gasohol and other fuels.

The state charges a gasoline tax of 17 cents per gallon. The rate is the same for diesel fuel.

State fuel taxes travel to the Missouri Department of Revenue, which sends them to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). James Gremaud, MoDOT area engineer for St. Charles County, outlined the path through which fuel tax revenues travel through the Missouri system.

Federal fuel taxes go to the Federal Highway Administration, which has a Missouri office in Jefferson City. Federal fuel taxes, as well as state fuel taxes, then are directed to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, which divides the money between MoDOT's 10 districts.

Money earmarked for rural districts is sent directly to those districts. Money

earmarked for metropolitan districts is sent to MoDOT. There are only two metropolitan districts in Missouri, Kansas City District 4 and St. Louis District 6.

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, which is the St. Louis area's metropolitan planning organization (MPO), must approve all MoDOT District 6 projects before money is spent, said Jerry Blair, East-West Gateway director of transportation planning. MPOs are nonprofit organizations created as a result of federal legislation for the purpose of planning and programming federal funds, Blair said.

Once projects are approved, MoDOT begins design work using both in-house engineers and outside contractors, Gremaud said. The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission must approve contracts before

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MoDOT can hire contractors to execute projects, Gremaud said.

MoDOT is authorized to receive \$645.8 million in federal funds in 1999, according to information provided by Todd Grosvenor, MoDOT funds manager. Of that, \$156 million is allocated to the Surface Transportation Program; the state can spend 30 percent of that amount wherever it wants, Grosvenor said. The state must spend 15.8 percent in the St. Louis area and 7.8 percent in the Kansas City area, Grosvenor said.

Landscaping and beautification comprise another 10 percent of the fund. An additional 10 percent is allocated toward hazard elimination and safety improvements, Grosvenor said.

Other funds include \$124 million — Missouri's portion of the federal highway fund for roads in Missouri that are part of the national highway system, including interstates and primary routes such as Highway 40-61; \$119 million for interstate maintenance; and \$114 million for bridge replacement, which includes state, county or municipal

bridges that are on federal aid programs, Grosvenor said.

The High Priority Projects fund is allocated \$38.5 million in 1999. Grosvenor said this fund includes special projects initiated by congressmen.

Though they are not part of the state highway or interstate system, recreational trails are allotted \$671,263 of federal fuel tax dollars.

These include walking, hiking and bicycle trails controlled by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Grosvenor said.

State of Missouri gets back about 90 percent of all federal fuel taxes

By Raymond Castille
Staff writer

Not all of the money Missourians pay in federal fuel taxes finds its way back to the state.

Missouri receives about 90 cents per every dollar paid in federal fuel taxes, said Sen. Ted House, D-2nd District.

"It's absurd that we send billions of dollars to the federal government and have to beg to get 90 cents back. Ten cents are just gone, evaporated," House said. Some states receive as much

as \$2 per every dollar paid, House said.

"They have the political clout," House said. States that can afford to must subsidize those states that cannot afford to pay for interstate construction and maintenance, said James Gremaud, St. Charles County area engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

"We realize the value of the interstate system, the interconnectivity. It's in the country's best interest," Gremaud said. House said the level of funds

received is creating a safety problem.

"People are dying because we don't have the money to fix our roads. The roads are deteriorating and in rough shape."

"It is unsafe," House said.

House said he would rather not even have federal fuel taxes and keep in Missouri all fuel tax money paid in Missouri.

All federal fuel tax money enters one fund, the Federal Highway Trust Fund, said Todd Grosvenor, MoDOT funds manager. Not every state receives the

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D-2nd District

same amount of money, but every state must receive at least 90.5 percent of what fuel tax payers paid into the fund the previous year, Grosvenor said.

If funds allocated to a state total less than 90.5 percent, the

difference is made up by three "minimum guarantee" funds. In 1999, the minimum guarantee funds total more than \$56 million.

Without these funds, Missouri would receive less than 90.5 cents per every dollar paid in federal fuel

taxes last year.

"If Ted House can change the 90 cents, more power to him."

"It's a very complicated process and always a subject of discussion," Gremaud said.

Wash your car carefully

Whether you own a new vehicle, or a not-so new vehicle, you want the finish to maintain a high quality look. Here are some simple tips to follow to help ensure your finish will look its best.

- Wash off dirt prior to washing a car. Any dirt that is rubbed into the surface can cause scratches.
- Wash your car in the shade using cool water and a mild detergent.
- Rinse off as much soil as possible before washing. Allow water to sheet off the car by taking the nozzle off the hose when rinsing.
- Clean the tires first, then the wheels. Cleaning the wheels is important since the brake dust and road salt can cause irreversible corrosion.
- Wash in straight lines, not circles, and use overlapping strokes to make less standing water for you to dry off.
- Wipe off with a damp or wet cloth, not dry.
- Avoid parking under trees which may drip sap. On newer model cars,

do not attempt to "polish" light scratches. Most new vehicles have a clear coat finish that can be damaged if you do not use the proper method.

- Never wax a car in direct sunlight. If your car's metal temperature is too hot, the chemicals in the wax can prematurely damage your car's finish.
- Get a complete detail once a year.
- When washing your vehicle by hand, take the time to run your wash mitt along the inside bottom edge of the doors, lift gate, hood and trunk. These areas trap dirt and moisture causing premature rusting.
- Avoid brush style car washes as they can cause dirt to scratch the car's surface.

These tips were provided by Kurt Mueller, owner of K's CARSTAR Collision Center. These tips and others may be found on CARSTAR's web site at www.carstar.com.

New Missouri driver licensing system affects teens

By Michael Penrod
Staff writer

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan signed into law last month a measure that will give young drivers more experience "behind the wheel" before getting a full license.

In an effort to reduce the crash rate among Missouri teen drivers, the Missouri General Assembly passed a new Graduated Driver Licensing system (GDL) that requires teen drivers to graduate through stages before earning an unrestricted license. The law contains restrictions on the time of day teens can drive and the hours of supervised driving time they must accumulate. Missouri is the 36th state to adopt such a program.

Capt. Jim Watson, Missouri State Highway Patrol spokesman, said the new system could help save the lives of hundreds of teen motorists. "It gives them (teens) more supervised driving time than before," Watson said. "And that kind of experience makes all the difference."

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Capt. Jim Watson
Missouri State Highway Patrol spokesman

While teens make up less than 6 percent of Missouri's licensed drivers, they were involved in more than 20 percent of the wrecks during 1997, according to statistics provided by AAA Insurance. Those same statistics state from 1995 to 1997, 382 people ages 15-19 died in car crashes on state roads, and another 36,883 were injured. One young person was killed or injured in a wreck every 43 minutes in the state during that three-year period. Mike Right, vice president of public affairs for AAA, testified before the General Assembly regarding the issue.

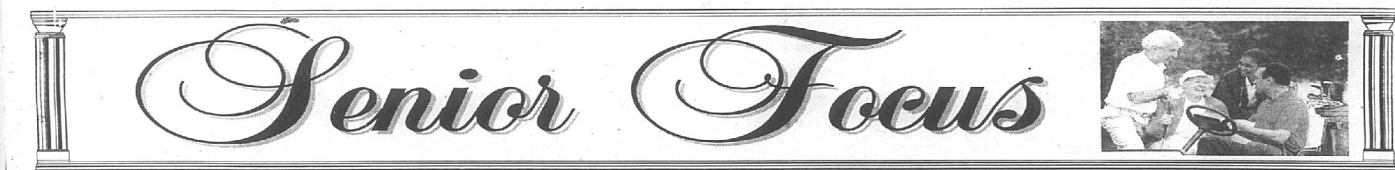
"Yet the disproportionately high incidence of motor-vehicle crashes involving youthful drivers indicated a basic licensing system was no longer sufficient," Right said. Under the new law, teens must comply with several provisions:

- For the instructional permit phase of the GDL, teens at least 15 years old must have parental permission and receive at least 20 hours of "behind-the-wheel" training. Any driving must be with a parent or guardian. Drivers must spend a minimum of six months in this period.
- To qualify for the intermediate license phase, a driver must be 16 years old. No driving is allowed without a parent from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. except for school functions,

job-related driving and specified emergencies. Also, all passengers must wear seat belts. In order for a teen to advance to the intermediate phase, the driver must not have any traffic violations that assess points for the previous six months and no alcohol enforcement contacts for the preceding 12 months.

- To advance to full licensing, drivers must be 18 years old and have completed the intermediate phase of the GDL system. In addition, the driver must not have any traffic violations that assess points and no alcohol enforcement contacts within the prior 12 months.

The provisions of Missouri's new Graduated Driver Licensing law become fully effective Jan. 1, 2001.



State awards grant to Health Department for osteoporosis education

By Bethany Bohrhurst
Staff writer

A state grant provided to the Madison County Health Department will allow more women to become educated about osteoporosis. "The grant monies will assist us in educating our residents about prevention and treatment of osteoporosis," said Jamie Moxey, health educator for the Madison County Health Department.

The department is planning events geared at raising awareness for mothers and daughters. "We need to develop an understanding of the disease so we can protect our daughters from the disease and prevent any further deterioration in those that might already have osteoporosis," Moxey said. Moxey said women develop

their peak bone mass in their 20s and 30s.

The level reached during those crucial years determines the likelihood of someone developing osteoporosis in their post-menopausal years. "Osteoporosis can be monitored and prevented," Moxey said. "Specialized tests can measure bone density in various sites in the body."

Moxey said special tests given to individuals to detect osteoporosis can predict the future. They also can help predict the rate of bone loss if treatment is provided. "A woman's risk of hip fracture is equal to her combined risk of breast,

uterine and ovarian cancer," Moxey said.

"That's too large a risk for a

highly preventable disease."

Moxey said eating a

exercising regularly can help prevent osteoporosis.

She said individuals should

take up walking and other forms of weight-bearing exercise.

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Horoscopes

Wednesday, August 18
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:
 Through your logical handling of a downward trend that might have been plaguing you, you can turn things around in the year ahead that'll bring about a number of favorable changes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 You're emphasis today might be on transforming what is outmoded in your mind into something useful. A problem could arise when you discover it is still valuable to someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Should someone tell you something in the strictest confidence today, make certain you do not reveal it to anyone else, even a person you think you can trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 It's good you can dwell along

lines that do not limit your thinking to traditional concepts today. However, check things out with others before you attempt to put anything into action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 So long as they don't step on anyone else's toes, bright ideas you get today pertaining to ways you can further your career can be implemented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Valuable knowledge can be garnered today through all types of interaction with others. The important thing to keep in mind is helpful insights can even come through losses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Just because something did not work for another doesn't mean it will not work for you. Do not be unduly influ-

enced by the failure or others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Everything can be ironed out today if you discuss important issues with someone with whom you've been at odds in a manner that is not judgmental or finger pointing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Although you may not get rich today, there are good opportunities around you at work where you can feather your nest to make things a little softer, especially if you don't exclude others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Because what you say today will have a strong influence over your peers, you must be exceptionally careful. Don't introduce anything negative into a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Don't be so quick to prejudge

someone negatively and act before you know where she or he is coming from. You could be pleasantly surprised by the support this person is giving you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Seek out companions today whose thinking is more in line with yours, especially when in work related situations. Nothing will be accomplished with those whose views differ from yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 The squeaky wheel is likely to be the one who gets the attention today, but be careful when you speak up that you do so in an unoffensive manner or what you get might be an ax instead of oil.

Horoscopes have no basis in scientific fact and should be read for amusement only.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Wednesday, Aug. 18. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
 170 and Hwy. 157,
 Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
 The Thomas Crown Affair (R) 12:45, 3:40, 7:05, 9:40
 Deep Blue Sea (R) 1:00, 3:25, 7:10, 9:20
 Inspector Gadget (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:25
 Runaway Bride (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20

EASTGATE CINE
 Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton,

Ill. 254-5289
 Brokendown Palace (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:00
 The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
 Mystery Men (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
 The Blair Witch Project (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
 Runaway Bride (PG) 1:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
 The Haunting (PG-13) 2:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
 Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
 Big Daddy (PG-13) 7:30
 The Haunting (R) 7:15
 Tarzan (G) 7:00

LINCOLN THEATER
 103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill.,

233-0123
 The Mummy (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30
 Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15
 Muppets From Space (G) 7:05
 The Matrix (R) 9:00

NAMEOKI CINEMA
 30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
 The Haunting (PG-13) 7:15, 9:45
 Deep Blue Sea (PG) 7:00, 9:30

O'FALLON 15 CINE
 1320 Central Park Dr.,
 O'Fallon, Ill., 822-4900
 Check theater for shows and times

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
 Inspector Gadget (PG) 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
 50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383

Wild Wild West (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
 Deep Blue Sea (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
 Deep Blue Sea (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00
 Inspector Gadget (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:05
 Detroit Rock City (R) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35
 The Wood (R) 12:15, 2:55, 5:40, 8:05

The Thomas Crown Affair (R) 12:25, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10
 Lake Placid (R) 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20
 Brokendown Palace (PG-13) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
 Mystery Men (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00


SHOWPLACE 12
 EDWARDSVILLE
 6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469

Bowfinger (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
 Brokendown Palace (PG-13) 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00
 Detroit Rock City (R) 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
 Mystery Men (PG-13) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20
 Dick (PG-13) 9:20, 10:20
 The Iron Giant (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 6:30

The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
 The Thomas Crown Affair (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
 The Blair Witch Project (R) 2:10, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:30
 Runaway Bride (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
 Deep Blue Sea (R) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:20
 Inspector Gadget (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 6:50, 9:10
 American Pie (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

SKYVIEW DRIVE-IN
 5700 North Belt West,
 Belleville, Ill., 233-4400
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WATERLOO CINEMA
 Route 3, 399-9991
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Date	Opponent	Location
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Saturday, Oct. 16	Toronto	Detroit
Friday, Nov. 12	Edmonton	San Jose
Saturday, Nov. 20	San Jose	Dallas
Thursday, Dec. 11	Dallas	San Jose
Saturday, Dec. 30	San Jose	Vancouver
Saturday, Jan. 29	Vancouver	Colorado
Saturday, Feb. 12	Colorado	Anaheim
Sunday, Feb. 27	Anaheim	Chicago (day)
Sunday, April 2	Chicago (day)	Ottawa (day)

*Preseason game at discounted weekday price

GOLD WEEKEND PACKAGE

pening Night...Thanksgiving and Christmas weekend games...two encounters with Chicago...late season showdown with Detroit and more!

Date	Opponent	Location
Saturday, Sept. 11	Chicago*	Phoenix
Saturday, Oct. 2	Phoenix	New Jersey
Saturday, Oct. 23	New Jersey	Chicago
Saturday, Nov. 27	Chicago	San Jose
Saturday, Dec. 4	San Jose	Boston
Saturday, Dec. 18	Boston	Nashville
Saturday, Dec. 26	Nashville	N.Y. Rangers
Saturday, Jan. 22	N.Y. Rangers	Colorado
Friday, Feb. 25	Colorado	Anaheim (day)
Saturday, March 11	Anaheim (day)	Detroit (day)
Saturday, April 1	Detroit (day)	Chicago

*Preseason game at discounted weekday price

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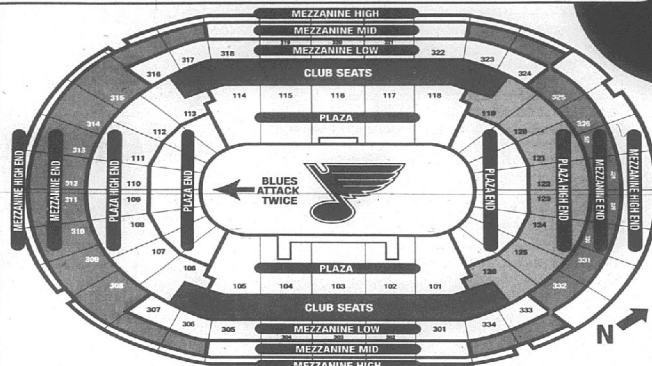
Date	Opponent	Location
Monday, Oct. 4	Los Angeles	Edmonton
Thursday, Oct. 21	Edmonton	Dallas
Thursday, Nov. 9	Dallas	Florida
Thursday, Nov. 18	Florida	Nashville
Thursday, Dec. 2	Nashville	Calgary
Thursday, Dec. 14	Calgary	Montreal
Thursday, Jan. 6	Montreal	Detroit
Thursday, Feb. 10	Detroit	Philadelphia
Thursday, Feb. 25	Philadelphia	Vancouver
Wednesday, March 9	Vancouver	Toronto
Wednesday, March 29	Toronto	Calgary
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Plaza High End	\$2,310	\$52.50	\$705	\$705	\$672	\$420	\$414	\$408	\$57	\$60
Plaza High End Plaza Box	\$1,760	\$40	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$45	\$45
MEZZANINE 300 LEVEL										
Mezzanine Low	\$1,617	\$36.75	\$490	\$490	\$468	\$294	\$290	\$286	\$40	\$42
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Mezzanine End	\$1,155	\$26.25	\$347	\$347	\$336	\$210	\$208	\$206	\$29	\$30
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Mezzanine High End	\$660	\$15	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$15	\$15

TOUGH TICKETS

Opening night and six certain sellouts.

Date	Opponent	Location
Saturday, Oct. 2	Phoenix	Phoenix
Saturday, Oct. 30	Detroit	Detroit
Saturday, Dec. 11	Dallas	Dallas
Sunday, Dec. 26	Nashville	Nashville
Saturday, Feb. 12	Anaheim	Anaheim
Friday, Feb. 25	Colorado	Colorado
Friday, April 7	Chicago	Chicago

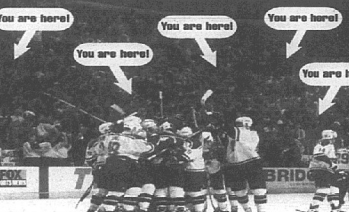
OPENING NIGHT

Date	Opponent	Location
Saturday, Oct. 2	Phoenix	Phoenix
Saturday, Oct. 30	Detroit	Detroit
Saturday, Dec. 11	Dallas	Dallas
Sunday, Dec. 26	Nashville	Nashville
Saturday, Feb. 12	Anaheim	Anaheim
Friday, Feb. 25	Colorado	Colorado
Friday, April 7	Chicago	Chicago

SUPERSTARS

Big names, big games.

Date	Opponent	Location
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Dallas	Modano, Hull
Saturday, Nov. 27	Chicago	Tony Amonte
Saturday, Jan. 22	N.Y. Rangers	Fleury, Leetch
Saturday, Jan. 29	Colorado	Roy, Forsberg, Sakic
Tuesday, Feb. 29	Philadelphia	Lindros, Brind'Amour
Saturday, March 11	Anaheim	Kariya, Salanne
Saturday, April 1	Detroit	Yzerman, Chelios



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Date	Opponent	Location
Thursday, Dec. 30	San Jose	Final Game/Old Millennium
Thursday, Jan. 4	Los Angeles	First Game/New Millennium
Thursday, Feb. 10	Detroit	Brendan Shanahan
Sunday, Feb. 27	Chicago	Doug Gilmour
Tuesday, March 7	Phoenix	Keith Tkachuk
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helps to keep everyone involved.

Internal newsletters can also announce birthdays, work anniversaries, outstanding employee achievements, in addition to the latest policies on work hours or vacation time. By recognizing employee accomplishments and addressing important issues, an internal newsletter serves as a great motivational tool

that also boosts employee morale.

External newsletters, on the other hand, aim to inform a specific customer or prospect base. Businesses employ external newsletters as a less-intrusive means of marketing themselves to the target audience. Rather than simply promoting the company, effective newsletters

provide customers with a wide range of useful information about their industry.

For example, a business dealing with kitchen remodeling might surround company-related information with articles about recent trends in the home improvement industry or kitchen safety tips for children. In this way, the external newsletter provides a valuable service to the customer, and in essence, offers a "softer sell" of the company's products and services.

A primary advantage of this "soft sell" lies in building name recognition. Businesses that are trying to penetrate new markets, in particular, need to establish name recognition in order to generate awareness among its customers and prospects. Yet, the soft sell effectiveness of newsletters also works wonders at keeping a company's name in the mind of an existing customer.

According to Howard Penn Hudson, author of "Publishing Newsletters," hotels often send newsletters to potential guests, depicting familiar scenery of the establishment and the surrounding area. By triggering nostalgia for good times, such newsletters contribute to higher customer retention.

Regardless of whether you are producing an internal or external newsletter, the most important thing to remember is — be consistent. Effective newsletters are always consistent. They have a consistent look and feel from issue to issue and they are distributed on a consistent schedule.

Visual consistency allows your audience to immediately recognize your newsletter, increasing the chances that they will read it. And by distributing your newsletter consistently your audience may even begin to anticipate its arrival.

A good rule of thumb, depending on your audience, is to distribute your newsletter at least quarterly, but no more than monthly.

An established business printer can ensure that your newsletters are produced and distributed in a consistent and timely fashion.

Organizing your newsletter is also very important. Using white space and graphic elements are excellent ways to organize the flow of your newsletter. Graphs, pie-charts, and pull-quotes are great ways to reinforce key ideas. Other important considerations concern alignment, font, point size, use of color, and placement of images.

For suggestions or feedback, check with an experienced business printing service provider in your area.

Once you've established an organizational structure, it's important to have reliable sources of content to fill up remaining space and to provide interesting articles within your company's respective industry.

Trade associations, government agencies, and clipping services can deliver materials specific to your industry.

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News

St. Louis county could end up owning unkempt cemetery

By Jocelyn Smolik
Staff writer

Roy Wade walks down an overgrown gravel road, sweat breaking out on his face as he turns from the path and wades through the high grass. He sidesteps bushes and pushes tree branches away from his face, just 25 feet away from the road. He has come to see his mother's gravesite.

No, this isn't a remote country road. It's Greenwood Cemetery, on the southeast edge of North County near Natural Bridge and Lucas & Hunt roads. Thirty-thousand people are buried here.

"This is a disgrace to the whole community... it's just ridiculous... it's beyond stupidity," said Wade, an alderman of Velda Village Hills who has several family members buried at Greenwood.

Greenwood is one of the oldest African-American cemeteries in the country. Among the people buried here are former slaves, civil war soldiers, musicians and civil rights activists. The 39-acre cemetery was established in 1874.

Trying to describe the condition of the cemetery is difficult for Wade. "I've never been in the jungle," he said. "I'm from the Mississippi Delta. We called it the woodland, but the woodland never looked worse than this cemetery."

To think that in this day and age, we're supposed to be civilized, we sent men to the moon and this still goes on. I'm just angry.

State Attorney General Jay Nixon agrees. He has filed a petition with the St. Louis Circuit Court asking that the corporation that owns the cemetery be dissolved and for ownership to be transferred to St. Louis County.

Under Missouri law, the attorney general is allowed to dissolve any cemetery corporation that owns a cemetery that has been declared abandoned. A cemetery can be declared abandoned if it hasn't been kept up for one year.

The cemetery is now owned by Solomon Rooks and the nonprofit group United States Disabled American Veterans Agency Inc. According to the attorney general's office, Rooks acquired Greenwood in 1993 or 1994 and has not kept it up since.

Rooks, who also has family members buried at Greenwood, says it is not his responsibility to maintain the cemetery because it is not a perpetual-care facility.

"I'm only required to make sure people can get around on the roads," he said.

Rooks said he will fight Nixon and the push to take away the cemetery. He said he intends to sue over the matter.

"For all these years, no one gave a damn about this cemetery, and now all of a sudden they find it interesting," Rooks said. Wade said he has talked to

local and county officials and just recently got help presenting the problem to the state. "I would have taken it to Washington if I had to," he said. Scott Holate of the Attorney General's office disagrees with Rooks' notion of

abandonment. "We would maintain that the condition Rooks has let the cemetery fall to means it can be classified as abandoned," he said.

Wade doesn't blame Rooks. He said he just wants someone to take care of the cemetery.

What's in a Fertilizer?

by the experts at

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When you're in search of a fertilizer, you're greeted with a seemingly endless array of products. There are fertilizers for trees, evergreens, lawns, you name it. And you'll also discover plenty of general-purpose fertilizers too. How do you know exactly what to choose? Not a problem, if you know what you're looking for. And you will after reading our tips.

Let's start off with an explanation of why plants need food in the first place. Sure, all growing things need food, but we can get more detailed than that. Fertilizers replenish nutrients removed from the soil as the plant grows. The nutrients needed in the greatest amounts, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, are most commonly found in plant foods. Without food at critical times, plants start to become more susceptible to disease and insect problems.

Okay, now you know the three main ingredients in fertilizer. What then? Easy. Fertilizers all contain three big, bold numbers on their containers, and those numbers tell you all you need to know about what's inside. They stand for N, P, K, and indicate the amounts of the three ingredients: nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, always in that order. For example, if a product's numbers are 5-12-8, it contains 5% nitrogen, 12% phosphorus and 8% potash. An easy way to remember the three is they're in alphabetical order.

These numbers, don't add up to 100%, we know. So what's the rest of the stuff in the bag? It's mostly a carrier that helps distribute the fertilizer more evenly.

Here's what the three ingredients accomplish. Nitrogen (abbreviated N) promotes leafy green growth that leads to a healthy lawn, beautiful shade tree or a thick, lush hedge. If it's green you're after, go with a product with a high first number. A lawn fertilizer marked 28-4-8, for example, would be an ideal choice.

Phosphorus (abbreviated P), stimulates root growth and promotes flowering and fruiting, precisely what you need when planting a new tree or when you're helping your annual and perennial flowers put on a dazzling display. If this is your goal, select a product with a high middle number.

Last is potash (abbreviated K), which contributes to cold hardiness, heat tolerance and disease resistance. Fall fertilizers, for example, are usually high in potash to help prepare the plants for the winter.

So the three numbers mean basically this: Green, flowers, hardy. If you can remember those in that order, you have it made, and will know exactly what to buy for any fertilizing application.

You'll probably run across some fertilizers with three nearly equal numbers. These are great general-purpose plant foods.

We're not quite through. You'll also encounter the terms "fast release" and "slow release," when dealing with fertilizers. Fast release means the plant food is easily dissolved in water and the nutrients get to the plant rapidly. Slow release products become available to the plant over a period of time, which lessens the chance of fertilizer burn.

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Today's Food



Girl Scouts, left to right, Lindsey White, Lucy Conklin and Laura Cobb have had plenty of practice perfecting their technique for making S'Mores over campfires, backyard grills and microwave ovens. Restaurants now are latching onto the fun of making them table-side.

Perennial Plantings

Vacation leads back to roots

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Summer is far from riding off into the sunset, but school resumes soon, which means it is time to write an essay entitled, "What I did on summer vacation."

Summer fun is exhilarating when it centers on new things, but sometimes the new is simply a twist on the past. A trip to Europe savors the flavor of centuries of history. A day spent playing soccer on the beach is a reminder of exhilarating time spent on other holidays with family next to smaller patches of water. Eating a fresh peach while sitting in the back yard is a memento on a postcard from the Land of Juicy Memories.

A food editor always looks for tasty ideas. It's hard to hide a smile when the local tour book touts S'Mores as the "new" dessert rage. Xando offers "the campfire favorite" brought to your table" at its coffee shop and bars along the East Coast and in Florida. The restaurant name is derived from X's and O's (hugs and kisses).

Rammy Harwood, director of marketing, says, "These (S'Mores) are tremendously popular. We want to bring the campfire to

your table."

A hibachi is delivered to the table with chocolate bars, graham crackers, marshmallows and skewers — no coat hangers or green tree branches — on a roundtable.

"You do the rest of it yourself," Harwood says.

The charge at the Arlington, Va., coffee shop is \$6.50 for enough to serve two people or \$11 to serve four.

Xando's quest for the right marshmallow for S'Mores took a scientific turn after the



Laura Cobb fell in love at first bite with gooey S'Mores. She remembers encountering them the first time at a birthday party when a friend turned 7.

Rick Graefe photos

The recipe for S'Mores on a Hershey's milk chocolate bar package advises placing half a bar (1.55-ounce size) on a graham cracker half. Kids should be supervised if they do the next step: Carefully toast a marshmallow over a grill or campfire. After it is toasted, place it on the chocolate bar half, top it with a second graham cracker half and gently press — schmush! — it together.

first ones stuck together. The ones they use are slightly larger than bagged marshmallows from the supermarket.

"We wanted one that would be reminiscent of the type you have had your whole life. For some people that was a year ago or for other people it was 30 or 40 years ago," Harwood says.

Orders spread like a runaway flame from a jar of Sterno.

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Food Nutrition

Hearty Bites

Tread softly through salad bar to avoid waking high-fat ingredients.
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Blue Ribbon Cook

Marinated artichokes flavor winning potato salad.
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Test Run

Flavored coffees attract on-the-go fans of cool drinks.
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Micro Raves

Pets can enjoy the dog days of summer, too.
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Lively Taste

While the grill is hot, brown pound cake for shortcake. Rub each slice of pound cake (1 to 2 inches thick) with confectioner's sugar and tap off any excess. Lightly brush grill with oil just before heating. Grill cake over direct heat 15 to 20 seconds per side, then move it to indirect heat to warm through. Drizzle 1/4 cup chocolate sauce on each serving plate. Arrange assorted fresh berries over cake on plates. Garnish with whipped cream or topping and fresh mint leaves.

Health Fitness

Medicine Chest

Chocolate could list nutrients, as well as good taste, among its assets.
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Fresh Picks

It's time to use up all the fresh vegetables lingering in the refrigerator. Thinly slice 4 small tomatoes. Cut 2 bell peppers, preferably red and yellow, in 1-inch squares. Cut 6 small new potatoes and 1 small red onion in very thin slices. Use a large, well-greased, shallow casserole dish. In two batches, alternately layer the vegetables and, if desired, 2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, cut in 1/2-inch strips. Sprinkle with 4 to 6 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil and a little dried oregano. Drizzle with a little olive oil. Add 1/3 cup meat or vegetable stock or bouillon. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven 40 to 45 minutes until potatoes are tender.

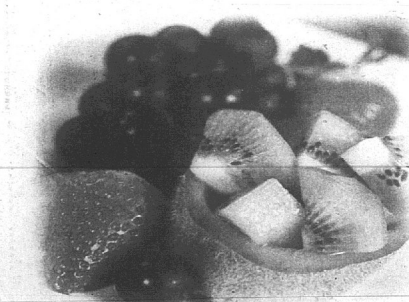
Big Fat Tip

Fresh fruit breads and muffins often are high in fat. A standard recipe for a dozen muffins or one loaf of banana or other quick bread usually calls for about 2 cups of flour and can use as little as 1/4 cup oil. If desired, applesauce or other pureed fruit can be used in place of the oil that is omitted when using a traditional recipe. It is not necessary to omit the fat completely to make the food healthy. If unaccustomed to low-fat foods, gradually use less fat to let taste buds adjust. Other changes that contribute to a healthier sweet is using less sugar (fruit has lots of sugar, too), switching some of the all-purpose flour to whole wheat flour and increasing the fruit.

Future Shop

Americans vote for convenience by buying and cooking on faster-heating gas grills over charcoal grills. They also persist in the perception that food cooked over charcoal tastes better. The hot results are part of the annual Weber GrillWatch Survey. However, blind taste tests conducted by Weber find that people who do not know in advance where the food was cooked cannot distinguish the difference. The familiar "outdoor" flavor comes from the smoke created by juices dripping onto the heat source and vaporizing, rather than from charcoal itself, say Weber spokesmen.

Cup o' Fruit



Use a spoon to scoop out flesh of kiwifruit. Cut it and other fruit in chunks. Add grapes, strawberries and blueberries as desired. Drizzle with mixture of equal amounts (start with 1 tablespoon each) of lemon juice and honey. If desired, serve in hollowed-out kiwifruit.

Fresh fruit always should be washed gently in water before using. If part of the fuzzy brown peel is accidentally left on kiwifruit, it can be eaten, too. Not only do fruits offer vitamins and minerals, but a large part of them is water, so they're refresh, too. Their carbohydrates

keep little bodies running, rather than sagging.

Top pancakes or cereal with fruit, eat it plain, or puree and use it to top or layer with ice cream, pudding or yogurt. It makes a sweet, juicy addition to lettuce or carrot salad, too. It is best to use it soon after cutting so its juices do not gather.

Kid's Cuisine

Today's Food

Jive with java flavored for fun

A lot of folks get a kick from flavored coffee. When it comes in a jar or can, it becomes a beverage of convenience.

"I often make my own, mostly because I can do it with nonfat milk."

These are fun to keep on hand for a special time for myself, since I'm the only one in the family who drinks coffee," a taster said.

Three brands were tasted. Well-known Frappuccino from Starbucks Coffee, as well as Coffee House USA, come in 9.5-ounce bottles, while Main St. Cafe is packaged in 11-ounce steel cans.

At the time of the sampling, Frappuccino cost \$1.39, while Coffee House and Main St. flavors cost 99 cents each.

The vote for richest of the three went to Frappuccino by Starbucks.

"It actually had a gram less fat, but more calories than the Coffee House brand. Still, there was something about the thickness that gave it a wonder-



Stopping for a flavored coffee is not always convenient, so a jar or can of it is a convenient way to keep it ready to drink.

ful feel as you drank it, even on ice," a taster said. Another thought Main St. could be a better buy for those who bother with the nutrition.

"This one had 33 percent of a person's recommended daily value for calcium, the most of the three, which could make a difference to a woman. Plus there was more in the can," she said.

Most of the interest was

on flavor. Coffee House, which comes in numerous flavors, was tasted in cinnamon, toasted almond and banana's foster.

"The toasted almond was slightly different than the cinnamon, with neither overwhelming the latte, milk-flavored aura of the drink," a taster of all three said. "I noticed the banana flavor in the other one when it was first opened

more than in the long run." Both Frappuccino mocha and vanilla coffee drinks were on the test.

"Like the others, the aroma of the drinks is very inviting. The vanilla one is very mild, while the mocha is not very chocolatey," a taster said.

Main St. Cafe came in iced mocha latte, which also tasted more like latte than mocha, its taster noted.

"I enjoyed the drinks. If there was one thing that disappointed me, it was the lack of difference in the flavors themselves," a taster said.

Another thought others should sign on to considering them more as a snack beverage.

"Some people in our office keep a can of something to drink in our little 'frig' for an afternoon pick-me-up. When comparing these flavored coffees to a can of Coke or some lemonade, there aren't many more calories and it has something besides just sugar for that energy boost. This would be as easy to keep there," she said.

Yeeeeehah! It's baking time for state fair champs

By Jananne Finck
Correspondent

It's August and it's hot, so it must be state fair time. In Illinois, like in many states, hot weather is just part of the fair "flavor." The best flavor comes from home-

made pies, cakes, breads, candy and cookies in baking contests.

While many submit delicious, competitive baked goods to win that first place prize, few take home a grand champion ribbon.

As a past state fair judge, a tough assignment, but someone has to do it—I know it takes more than tasting to decide the winners.

Judging criteria must determine ribbon placings. These guidelines help judges decide who takes home the championship trophy and brag-

ging rights into a new millennium.

For example, all food entries are evaluated on more than just taste. It has to look good, too.

Try one of these peach recipes to win accolades from family and friends. Then enter next year's state fair. It could be a grand winning start for the year 2000.

Certified food and consumer scientist Jananne Finck is nutrition and wellness educator for University of Illinois Extension at the Springfield Extension Center.

PEACH BREAD

2 or 3 fresh peaches
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1-3/4 cups flour (half whole wheat flour, if desired)
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/8 tsp. salt
1 egg
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup slivered almonds, if desired

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Pit, peel and chop peaches in small pieces to make 1 cup.

Cream sugar and margarine.

In another bowl, mix together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Combine with creamed mixture, peaches, egg and vanilla. Mix well. Add almonds. Mix.

Pour into prepared loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven 50 to 60 minutes until center tests done when checked with toothpick. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool on rack.

Yields 20 servings; 108 calories, 3 g fat, 17 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 88 mg sodium and 11 g cholesterol each, using all-purpose flour and almonds. Food exchanges: 1/2 bread/starch, 1/2 fat.

FRESH PEACH PIE

5 cups peeled, sliced peaches (5 to 8 peaches)

1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup granulated or brown sugar
1 cup. cinnamon, or as desired
2/3 cup flour
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, at room temperature
1 unbaked (9 inch) pie shell

Toss peaches with lemon juice. Set aside.

Combine sugar, cinnamon, flour and butter.

Blend until crumbly. Place one-third of crumbs in bottom of unbaked pie shell. Pour peaches over crumbs, then top with remaining crumb mixture.

Bake in preheated oven 1 hour.

Yields 8 servings; 369 calories, 15 g fat, 58 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 252 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol. Food exchanges: 1-1/2 bread/starch, 1 fruit, 3 fat.

a guitar-shaped swimming pool Elvis Presley used. As a souvenir, they passed out recipes for a basic casserole.

BEANIE WEENIE VEGGIE BAKE

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. sugar
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup milk
4 tbsp. oil
1/2 cup chopped carrot
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 can (11-1/2 oz.) bean 'n' bacon soup
3/4 cup milk
2 tsp. prepared mustard
1 lb. weenies, sliced

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Stir together cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In small bowl, combine egg, milk and 2 tablespoons oil. Add to cornmeal mixture. Beat until smooth.

In saucepan, heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Add carrot, onion and green pepper. Cook, covered, 10 minutes. Blend in soup, milk and mustard. Stir in weenies. Bring to boil.

Turn mixture into 2-quart casserole. Spoon batter on top of soup mixture. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

Pets wag for purr-fect treats in dog days

By Kathy Hanewinkel
Correspondent

The dog days of summer are upon us. Both kids and animals are bored. It's too hot to play outdoors

and too early for a walk.

Why not "play" a bit with the microwave oven? This does not give children permission to do something unusual with their pets, but fun things can happen when using a microwave.

My best friend—owner of Moose, one of my favorite dogs—appreciates the time she saves by using a microwave oven.

The best thing about having a dog and using the microwave is that when you use the microwave you have more time to love your dog," she said.

Many people heat cat or dog food in a microwave before feeding it to their pet. While not necessary for the pet, it makes the owner feel better.

When our dog had an

ear infection, the medication required refrigeration. The dog did not care for the cold liquid, so we heated it in a few seconds in the microwave before using it.

"A few seconds" should be underlined in these directions. It is like working with a dependent child who cannot tell when something is wrong.

Always check the actual temperature of the heated food or medication with a hand, finger or thermometer before giving it to the pet.

Let the kids learn to help with their well-loved pet's care, but teach them proper and safe ways to use a microwave.

Then stand back and let the dog days be happy days. The biscuit and treat recipes can be used interchangeably for either animal.

Cookie cutters in bone, mailman, fish, cat, dog and other pet-friendly shapes are available in some pet stores.

Honey economist Kathy Hanewinkel specializes in microwave cooking.

PEOPLE DOGGIE BISCUITS

1 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup nonfat dry milk
1/2 cup quick-cooking oats, uncooked
1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
1 tsp. sugar
1/3 cup shortening
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tbsp. instant beef bouillon granules
1/2 cup hot water

In bowl, combine whole wheat and all-purpose flour, dry milk, oats, cornmeal and sugar. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in shortening until coarse crumbs form. Stir in egg.

Combine bouillon and hot water, stirring well. Using a fork, slowly pour into flour mixture, mixing until moistened.

Using hands, form dough into ball. Knead on floured surface 5 minutes until smooth and elastic.

and place it back in the freezer.

In the same pan, bake a two-layer cake mix according to the package directions. Let it cool completely. Cut it, using a thin wire or dental floss in half horizontally.

Working quickly on a flat serving surface, lay ice cream over bottom half layer of cake, spread fruit jam or caramel or chocolate sauce on top, then top with second cake layer.

Frost top and sides with thawed whipped topping.

Cover the entire cake with plastic wrap and freeze another 24 hours.

One hour before serving, remove plastic (topping sticks to cake, not the wrap) and place in refrigerator. He recommends covering leftovers well with plastic wrap to avoid freezer burn.

Of course, life in the summer does not always start with ice cream cake. My son Keith, in Cincinnati, grills fresh corn to perfection.

The corn's husk is pulled back and secured and silks are removed. He

sprays it with olive oil using an atomizer—but flavored nonstick cooking spray works, too—then sprinkles with salt and pepper.

The ears are grilled on a high rack on a covered grill, turning often, until they start to brown and are cooked through. A bonus when the kernels are heating is the aroma smells like popcorn.

His wife, Susan, is vying to be "queen of the smoothies."

She gets the best assets of both dairy and soy products by starting with an 8-ounce carton of fruit yogurt and 1 cup of vanilla soy milk. In a blender she processes this with fruit. She prefers to use frozen strawberries and blueberries, letting them thaw 15 minutes first, rather than ice cubes, which thin the smoothie.

In another delicious combination she added a banana, a cup of coffee and ice to yogurt and soy milk for a mocha smoothie.

Between pitchers of iced tea and lemonade, substan-

Divide dough in half and roll 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick.

Cut in bone shapes about 2 inches long, use a 2-inch gingerbreadman cookie cutter or shape into balls 1/2- to 1-inch in diameter.

Arrange 6 bones or 24 nuggets in circle on 10- to 12-inch plate. Microwave 5 to 10 minutes on medium (50 percent) power until firm and dry to the touch. Rotate plate every 2 minutes and turn over shapes every 3 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Biscuits harden as they cool.

Yields 1-1/2 to 2 dozen shapes or about 5 dozen nuggets.

Kitty Cheese Treats: To increase cat appeal, add 1/4 cup canned grated American cheese food (the kind that is added to macaroni) when mixing flour and liquid mixtures. Cut in fish shapes about 2 inches long or shape into nuggets 1/2- to 1-inch in diameter.

Follow same directions for cooking treats in microwave oven.

tical fare is recommended. The Jugg Sisters realized this when they led their musical Nash'Nash Tour through Nashville.

The singin' duo spied on would-be celebrities from a big pink bus while their guests nibbled on crackers decorated with squirts of yellow cheese from a pressurized can and rode past

ICED TEA COOLERS

Honey Raspberry Iced Tea: In large heat-proof pitcher, whisk together 2 cups freshly brewed tea, 2 cups cranberry-raspberry juice and 1/4 cup honey until thoroughly combined and honey is dissolved. Chill until ready to serve. Serve over ice. Makes 4 servings.

Sweetly Mint Iced Tea: In large heat-proof pitcher, pour 4 cups boiling water over 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves and 2 tea bags. Whisk in 1/4 cup honey. Let steep 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and cool. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve over ice. Makes 4 servings.

Vacation

Continued from Page 1

"As soon as one table shows that blue flame in the dim light or at our outdoor tables, orders multiply. We might have 100 in a single evening," he says.

"Not to be outdone by a scout's good deed, by the end of the year Xando will add S'mores to its menu. The search is under way for a giant Oreo-toe cookie with the "right" icing for melting. On this order, the cookie will replace the granola cracker.

No matter where we travel, my family is not alone in the kitchen atdessert time. Paul, my son

Washington, D.C., prepared an ice cream cake for a large party. This is his method.

Line a 13-by-9-inch pan with waxed paper. Fill it with softened ice cream. Use two half-gallons— one rocky road and the other cherry almond—but the size and depth of the pan determines how much holds. Freeze this 24 hours.

Flip out the ice cream onto more waxed paper

Today's Food

Chocolate: good for body, as well as the sweet soul?

By Rebecca Coley
Correspondent

Recently "The Lancet," a medical journal, reported news that rings sweet music in our ears. Chocolate was found to contain a significant amount of a group of antioxidants called catechins.

MEDICINE CHEST

Antioxidants may prove healthful in reducing the risk of disease, including cancer.

This Dutch study looked at six different catechins in

several types of chocolate.

It was found that dark chocolate contained the greatest amount. It has 53.5 mg of catechins per 100 grams of chocolate.

Milk chocolate contained them, too, but considerably less — 15.9 mg of catechins per 100 grams of chocolate. This compares to 100 milliliters of black tea, which contains 13.9 mg of catechins.

One can argue that 100 milliliters (almost 1/2 cup) of tea isn't exactly comparable to 100 grams (about 3 ounces) of chocolate in types of food.

However, the information was important to this Dutch population. More than half of its antioxidant intake came from black tea, while 20 percent came from chocolate consumption.

While strains of this research strike a chord of excitement in many chocolate lovers, the data are far from conclusive. Further research needs to answer questions such as whether benefits from the antioxidants outweigh the impact of the fat content and the impact of the caloric intake.

In the short term though, when a person enjoys a little chocolate for its sheer taste, there may be hope that it is accomplishing something good for the body, too.

Rebecca Coley is a registered pharmacist in the state of Missouri. Questions for her to answer in "Medicine Chest" can be e-mailed to her at rcoley@hstmail.com or sent to: Medicine Chest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Recipe

RATATOUILLE DIP

2 tbsp. olive oil
1 small (8 oz.) eggplant, peeled, finely chopped
1 small zucchini, finely chopped
1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp. leaf thyme
1 can (16 oz.) stewed tomatoes
Wheat snack crackers

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir eggplant, zucchini, red pepper, onion and garlic about 5 minutes until tender. Add thyme and tomatoes, breaking up tomatoes with fork. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes. Cool slightly. Serve warm.

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Today's Food

Avoid high-fat implosion along the salad bar trail

By Cheryl Houston
Correspondent

As summer temperatures rise, taste buds yearn for meals that are cool, light and quick. A trip to the salad bar at a local grocery store usually fills the bill.

However, salad bars can be minefields of high-fat foods. It is necessary to maneuver carefully through them to find the healthiest choices.

It is best to base the foundation of a salad on a variety of vegetables. They are low in calories and excellent sources of vitamins, minerals and

fiber.

Red, orange and yellow types — such as tomatoes, carrots and sweet peppers — are rich sources of beta-carotene and/or vitamin C. Experiment with different greens, such as red leaf lettuce, baby field greens and fresh spinach. Their deep, rich color indicates higher nutrient levels.

Resist the temptation to add a spoonful or two of traditional mayonnaise-based macaroni and potato salad to the plate. They often are made with cheese, egg, ham and bacon. A mere half-cup serving can add 180 calories to a meal.

It also is wise to limit seemingly-healthy toppings,

such as nuts and seeds. While the fat they contain is predominately monounsaturated, each tablespoon adds about 50 calories and 4 to 5 grams of total fat, depending on the variety.

While many people are aware of the high fat content and salad dressings and opt for lower-fat versions, portion size is critical. While light salad dressings often have half the fat and calories of their original counterparts, each salad bar-sized ladle adds 7 to 9 grams fat and 80 calories.

This main-dish pasta salad is a feast for the eye, as well as the palate. Selecting vegetables from a local salad bar saves cutting and chopping time. Add a few more ingredients in the kitchen and dinner is ready.

Preparing and chilling this dish in advance enhances its flavor, so making it tonight for tomorrow is a wise move, too.

Registered dietician Cheryl Houston is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis.

SOUTHWESTERN PASTA SALAD

- 1 pkg. (7 oz.) uncooked small shell macaroni
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2 cups chopped, seeded tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped purple onion
- 1-1/2 tbsp. minced fresh or 2 tsp. dried cilantro
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 tbsp. sliced jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1/2 cup fat-free red wine vinaigrette salad dressing
- 4 oz. crumbled feta cheese

Cook macaroni according to package directions, omitting salt and oil. Drain. Let cool.

In large bowl, combine red and yellow pepper, celery, tomato, onion, cilantro, garlic powder, jalapeno, salad dressing and feta cheese. Stir in macaroni. Refrigerate if not serving immediately.

Makes eight (1-cup) servings; 178 calories, 6.5 g protein, 4 g fat (2 g saturated), 28 g carbohydrate, 12.5 mg cholesterol and 394 mg sodium each.

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Artichokes take potato salad to delicious Italian cooking

AnnMarie Carroll, Chesterfield, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Italian Potato Salad.

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The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co.

This recipe, from Carroll's maternal grandmother, offers multiple assets. Only the potatoes need to be cooked. Only salt and pepper are added to heighten the flavor of the ingredients. It makes use of summer-style foods. It should be made ahead for best flavor.

Adding tuna is optional. Her mother added it for protein in a picky child's eating habits, but her own family refers to it without it.

Recipes in the Frozen Dessert and Drink Recipe Contest should be postmarked by Aug. 31 for an opportunity to win one of five Wednesdays in September.

In addition to sending in a recipe tell how you actually make it. Any story behind the recipe counts as part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it forms the basis for selecting winners. Originality will be considered,

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A single household can submit a single recipe. Send it to: Summer Potato Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

If possible, name the recipe's source. Include the name of the Journal you receive.

Double-check directions and specific amounts, giving variations that individualize the recipe.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

ITALIAN POTATO SALAD

- 2 large russett potatoes
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, coarsely chopped
- 2 ribs celery, leaves removed, sliced
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped red onion
- 1 can pitted, large black olives, drained
- 1 jar (6 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts, coarsely chopped
- 1 can (6 oz.) white albacore tuna, if desired
- Salt and pepper as desired

Scrub and boil potatoes about 25 minutes until tender. Let cool. Peel, cut slices 1/4 inch thick, then cut slices in half.

In large bowl, combine potato, egg, tomato, celery, onion and olives. Add undrained artichoke hearts. Fill jar one-fourth full of water and add to ingredients. Using large spoon, mix ingredients until evenly coated. Add tuna, salt and pepper. Mix again.

Chill salad before serving. It takes several hours for flavors to develop fully.

Serve with simple green salad and crusty Italian bread.

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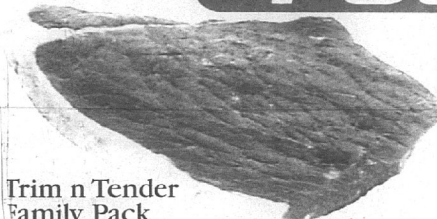
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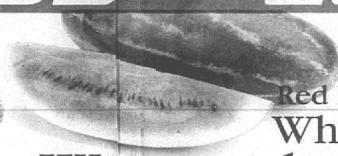
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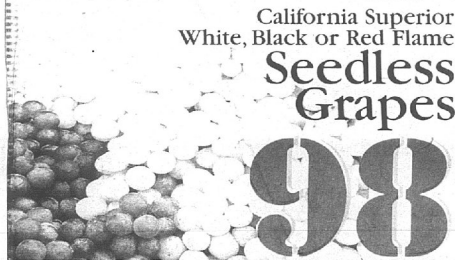
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Today's Food

Even pizza looks better on the old grill



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- 1-1/4 lb. boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick
- 2 tbsp. cornmeal
- 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) refrigerated pizza dough
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small eggplant (6 to 7 inches long), sliced crosswise 1/2-inch thick
- 1 large yellow bell pepper, quartered
- 2 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
- 2 medium plum tomatoes, very thinly sliced
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded smoked gouda cheese

Sprinkle cornmeal on 2

large baking sheets. Unroll each pizza crust and cut in half. Place 2 halves on each baking sheet. Press each piece into 8-by-5-inch free-form rectangle. Brush lightly with oil. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate. Brush eggplant and bell pepper with oil. Press lemon pepper evenly into both sides of beef. Over medium coals, grill eggplant and bell pepper around steak 13 to 16 minutes turning occasionally until steaks medium-rare to medium doneness and vegetables are tender. Brush eggplant with any

remaining oil during grilling. Cool steak and vegetables slightly. Let coals cool to medium-low. Carefully place pizza crusts cornmeal-side down directly on grid over medium-low coals. (If necessary, grill in 2 batches.) Grill 3 to 4 minutes until edges are puffy and bottoms have grill marks. Watch carefully, so crusts do not burn. Turn over crusts. Grill second side 1 minute or until partially cooked. Return crusts, cornmeal sides up, to baking sheets. Quarter eggplant slices.

Cut bell pepper in thin strips. Carve steak crosswise in thin slices. Divide over crusts and sprinkle with cheese. Grill, covered, over medium-low coals 2 to 3 minutes until crusts are cooked and browned on bottom and cheese is softened. Cheese does not melt completely. Watch carefully so crusts do not burn. Rotate as necessary. Makes 4 servings; 745 calories, 48 g protein, 78 g carbohydrate, 28 g fat, 1,883 mg sodium and 108 mg cholesterol each.

CRUNCHY SNACK MIX

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) cheddar "goldfish" crackers
- 2 cups corn or bran cereal squares
- 2 cups rice cereal squares
- 1 pkg. (7 oz.) mini pretzel knots
- 1 cup cocktail peanuts
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/2 tsp. celery salt
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

Combine crackers, corn and rice cereals, pretzels and peanuts in 3-quart microwave-safe casserole. Mix lightly. Combine margarine, celery salt, onion powder, garlic powder and Worcestershire sauce in small glass dish. Microwave on high power 30 to 60 seconds until melted. Drizzle margarine mixture evenly over cracker mixture. Mix gently to coat evenly. Microwave on high power, stirring 2 to 3 times, 8 to 9 minutes until mixture is lightly toasted. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Today's Food

Couple shares plums; husband takes the cake

When Alfred Lester of Wilmington, N.C., started creating his winning entry in the sixth annual Kretschmer Wheat Germ "Easy & Delicious Recipe Contest," his inspiration came from his wife who was working on a recipe for another contest at the same time.

Entering recipe contests is a favorite pastime for this cookin' couple.

"Gilda was preparing a dish with plums. I usually don't like plums, but they looked so good that I decided to use them in a coffee cake recipe I was working on," he said.

The delicious result, Plum Good Lemon Streusel Coffeecake, was awarded first prize in the "muffins, biscuits, coffeecakes and other breads" category.

Lester started cooking as a child. He was oldest in the family and both his parents worked. Today he



Vibrantly-colored plums offer fresh vitality to a winning coffeecake with wheat germ in the batter. considers himself a master at grilling and baking. His prize-winning recipe is an adaptation of a coffee cake he has made before.

PLUM GOOD LEMON STREUSEL COFFEECAKE

1-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup wheat germ (any flavor)
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1 to 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda
3/4 cup buttermilk
1 egg
4 medium-size ripe plums, pitted, sliced 1/4 inch thick (about 2-1/2 cups)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 9-inch springform pan or 9-inch round cake pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, sugar and cinnamon. Mix well. Using pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until evenly distributed and mixture is crumbly. Stir in lemon juice and peel. Set aside 1/2 cup mixture in small bowl.

Add baking powder and baking soda to ingredients in large bowl. Mix well.

In small bowl, using wire whisk or fork, beat buttermilk and egg until blended. Add to ingredients in large bowl. Stir until dry ingredients are just moistened; do not overmix.

Spoon batter into prepared pan. Arrange plums decoratively over batter. Sprinkle with reserved 1/2 cup topping.

Bake in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes until cake is browned and wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it.

Cool on wire rack. If using springform pan, carefully remove side of pan.

Recipe

BLUEBERRY GRUNT

1 pt. blueberries
1 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. grated orange rind
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup milk

In large skillet, stir in sugar into blueberries and water. Cook until mixture just starts to bubble. Lower heat.

Mix flour, baking powder, orange rind, nutmeg and salt. Stir in milk until dry particles are just moistened.

Drop dough by spoonful on top of simmering blueberries. Cook, covered, 10 to 15 minutes until dough is puffed. Serve dumplings with sauce from skillet.

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Rock by rollin' and stackin' sandwiches

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Onions are a staple in home pantries. Winter onions, or storage onions, are just coming into their season.

In addition to flavor, onions are host to a multitude of health benefits and were historically prescribed for their "curative powers."

In the Middle Ages, physicians prescribed onions to alleviate headache, snakebite and even hair loss. Modern science notes the role onions play in reducing cholesterol and blood pressure levels and decreasing the risk of some forms of cancer.

Consumption of onions is steadily on the rise, increasing 50 percent in the past 15 years. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, per capita consumption of onions in 1998 was 18.3 pounds per person.

Here are helpful tips and hints to use for storing onions:

* Prepare onions as

In addition to flavor, onions are host to a multitude of health benefits and were historically prescribed for their "curative powers."

close to cooking or serving time as possible. Their flavor deteriorates and aroma intensifies over time.

* To prevent tearing, refrigerate onions 30 minutes before preparation. Then slice onions, cutting off the top, peeling off outer layers and leaving root end intact. The root end has a large concentration of sulphur compounds that make eyes water.

* To remove strong flavors when using raw onions, soak them in ice water 30 minutes to an hour.

* To remove the smell of onions from hands or equipment, rub them with lemon juice or salt.

For a free onion recipe brochure, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National Onion Association, Department B, 822 Seventh St., Suite 510, Greeley, Colo. 80631.



A roast beef sandwich relishes its added flavor from onions, then layers it between slices of home-baked focaccia bread.

CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
1/4 cup vegetable or peanut oil
1/4 cup roasted sesame seed oil
2 tbsp. minced ginger root
4 tsp. sugar
4 tsp. dry mustard
2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, steamed and cubed
1 cup red onion, cut in narrow wedges
1 cup pea pods, thawed if necessary, slivered
6 crusty round rolls, split, buttered
Lettuce or watercress as needed
4 tsp. sesame seeds, toasted
Crispy noodles, if desired

Mix together dressing of soy sauce, vinegar, oils, ginger, sugar and dry mustard. Add chicken, onion and pea pods. Toss well. Chill at least 4 hours to blend flavors.

Fill each roll with lettuce and chicken salad. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Accompany with crispy noodles.

ROAST BEEF WITH ONION RELISH ON FOCACCIA

3 cups white onions, cut in narrow wedges
2 cups julienne-cut, bell pepper in multi colors
1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
1 tsp. coarsely ground pepper
1 1/2 lb. frozen white bread dough, thawed
1/2 cup minced onion
1 tsp. thyme
8 oz. fresh leaf spinach
1 lb. tomatoes, sliced
1 1/2 to 2 lb. roast beef, sliced

Toss onion wedges and pepper with Italian dressing, basil and pepper. Marinate in refrigerator at least overnight.

Roll dough to fit bottom of 15-by-10-inch pan. Place dough in oiled pan, oil top and set in warm place until it rises about 1 inch in pan.

Oil top again. Sprinkle with minced onion and thyme. Make impressions in dough about 1-inch apart.

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Recipe

GRILLED SALMON STRIPS

1-1/2 lb. salmon fillet, skin on, thawed if necessary, cut in 1-1/4 inch strips
1/4 cup canola oil
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tbsp. soy sauce
2 tbsp. honey
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 cup chopped green onion
1 tsp. lemon peel
Rice pilaf, if desired
Chopped green onion, lemon peel and sliced lemon for garnish, if desired

In large shallow glass dish, mix together oil, lemon juice, soy sauce, honey, ginger, onion and lemon peel.

Add salmon. Coat well. Refrigerate, covered, 2 to 6 hours, turning several times.

Remove salmon from marinade and discard marinade.

On medium-hot grill, cook salmon skin-side up 3

minutes. Turn over carefully.

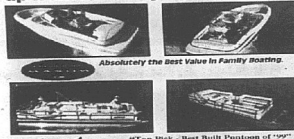
Cook 3 to 4 minutes longer until fish flakes easily when tested with fork.

Remove strips from grill by running spatula between skin and salmon to provide plate-ready, skinless strips.

Serve over rice pilaf and garnish with onion, lemon and lemon peel. Makes 4 servings.



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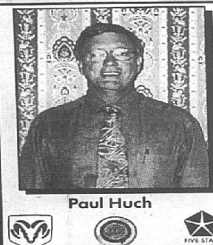
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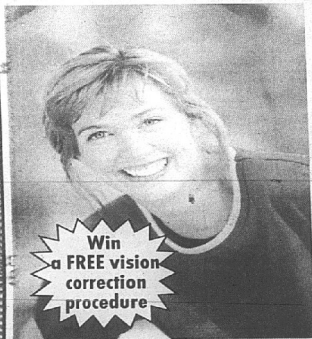
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FRENCH COUNTRY BAKE

- 4 individually frozen, boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 pkg. (about 1-3/4 lb.) parmesan-herb flavored frozen vegetable mixture (potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots) or 2 pkg. (1 lb. each) primavera vegetable mixture with pasta
- 1 tbsp. minced fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Rinse chicken under cool water to remove ice glaze. Pat dry with paper towels.
Pour oil into shallow 12-by-9-inch baking pan. Coat chicken with mustard and place in pan. Cover loosely with aluminum foil to prevent spattering. Bake in preheated oven 20 minutes.
Add vegetables to pan. Stir to coat with pan drippings. Sprinkle with seasoning packet from vegetables and stir again. Bake, uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes longer until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.

SKILLET CHICKEN AND PASTA DINNER

- 4 individually frozen, boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 pkg. (1 lb.) frozen pasta and vegetable mixture with garlic seasoning
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. basil
- 2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp. minced fresh parsley

Run cool water over chicken to remove ice glaze. Lightly pat dry with paper towels.
In large deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat, heat oil. Add chicken. Cover. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 6 to 8 minutes per side.
Stir in frozen pasta and vegetable mixture, water and basil. Cook 10 to 12 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender-crisp.

ITALIAN RICE SALAD

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1/2 cup light Italian salad dressing
- 2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- Leaf basil, crushed
- 1 cup green peas, cooked, chilled
- 2 green onions with tops, sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- 2 tbsp. sliced pimiento

Prepare rice according to package directions, omitting butter and salt. Transfer to large bowl. Cover and chill.
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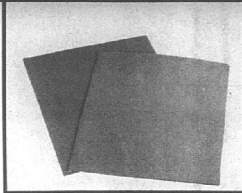
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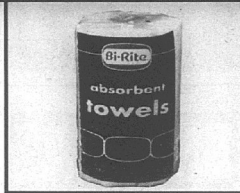
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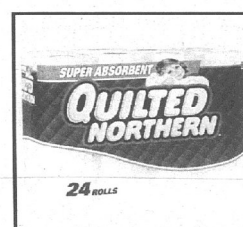


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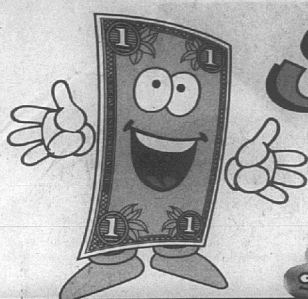
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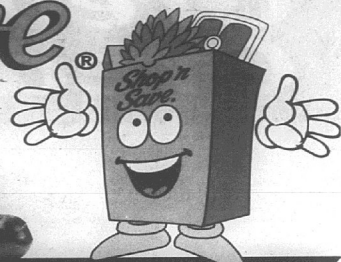
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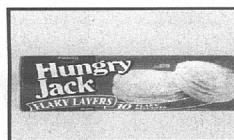
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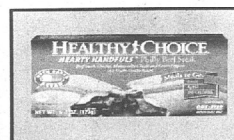
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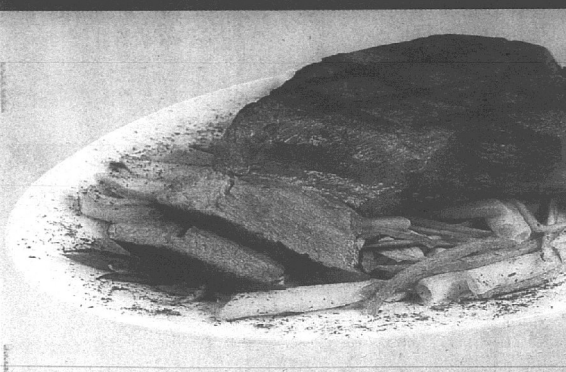
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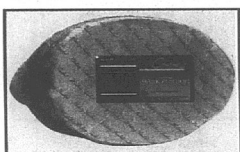
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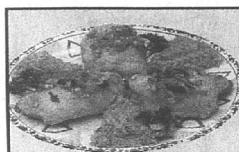
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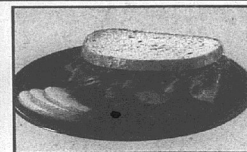
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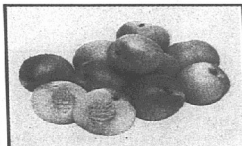
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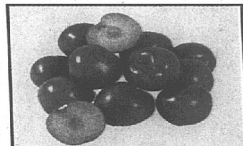
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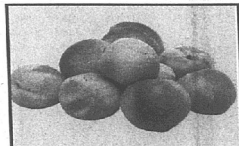
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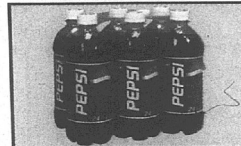
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Chevrolet Impala is a solid value

By Tom Strongman

The Impala is back, but it's much different from the V-8-powered Impala SS of just a couple of years ago.

That car was a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive sedan powered by a whopping 5.7-liter V-8 engine. It had body-on-frame construction similar to the Buick Roadmaster and Cadillac Fleetwood, and sat low to the ground on fat tires and alloy wheels. Even though it was somewhat of an anachronism, it gained cultlike status among enthusiasts who loved its bad-boy looks.

The 2000 Impala, however, is now Chevrolet's flagship sedan. This front-wheel-drive, four-door sedan is a sure sign that Chevrolet understands just what it takes to build a competitive family sedan capable of facing off against competitors such as the Toyota Camry, Oldsmobile Intrigue and Pontiac Grand Prix. The V-6 engine Impala is cleanly styled, solidly built and starts at \$19,285. The fancier Impala LS, with 3000 engine, anti-lock brakes, traction control and tire monitoring system, has a base price of \$22,925.

Impala has long been a revered nameplate for Chevrolet. Since the 1960s more than 13 mil-

lion have been sold. This car has a good chance of restoring the name to prominence.

While the new Impala shares its wheelbase and platform with the Pontiac Grand Prix and Oldsmobile Intrigue, it looks and feels distinctly individual. The ride is taut without being harsh, six people can ride inside and the trunk is spacious. While the styling is somewhat akin to that of the smaller Malibu, it comes off looking more modern and contemporary, thanks in large measure to the dominant headlights and large, round taillights.

The standard engine is a 3.4-liter V-6 with 180 horsepower. A 200-horsepower, 3.8-liter 3800 Series II V-6 is optional on the base model and standard on the LS, the car I drove.

Traction control, anti-lock brakes, a tire inflation monitoring system and a ride and handling suspension package are included with the 3800 engine.

The 3800 steps out smartly from a stop with a minimum of engine noise and vibration. The engine and front suspension are mounted on an aluminum cradle to isolate the rest of the vehicle from unwanted noise and vibration.

The automatic transmission shifts seamlessly, but could profit

from a gear-lever mounted button for shifting out of overdrive, a feature found in most of its import competitors.

Inside, although technically six will fit, five is the practical limit. The LS gets front bucket seats and a console that is handy as well as practical. Spending time in these seats is not the least bit bothersome because they are firmly padded and contoured to provide support in the small of the back.

Interior styling is less subdued than the exterior. The instrument panel has a number of cut-lines, or seams, and some of the plastic surfaces looked and felt hard. The gauge package, though, was excellent — the best in a Chevrolet outside of the Corvette.

Our dark-red test car had light tan leather upholstery. I think a slightly darker tan would have looked richer, but that is a fairly minor point.

Dual front air bags are standard, and a side air bag in the driver's seat is optional on the base model and standard on the LS. It seems curious that a side air bag is not offered for the passenger seat.

One of the Impala's most interesting items is the AM/FM stereo with the Radio Data System (RDS). RDS does some amazing

things, such as interrupt a program to broadcast traffic or weather bulletins, automatically change time when you go from one time zone to another and search for 25 different types of programming, such as sports, classical music or soft rock.

The functionality of the RDS system depends on radio stations broadcasting digital signals with the necessary information, however, and I found few of them. In the future, though, RDS will be everywhere.

Our test car's stereo had eight speakers, an amplifier and home-stereo quality sound.

It's heartening to see Chevrolet jump back into the heart of the sedan market with a car that is as roomy as a full-size and as maneuverable as a mid-size. While its styling won't knock your socks off, it is simple, clean and unadorned. Sounds like the perfect recipe for a hugely successful family sedan.

The base price of our Impala LS was \$22,925. Options included leather bucket seats, electric sun roof, AM/FM/CD stereo, heated seats, alarm system and electrochromic rear-view mirror.

The sticker price was \$25,240. The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

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Preserving backyard blooms for arrangements is easy

Roses are red, violets are blue... if only you could preserve those colorful blossoms from the backyard garden to enjoy all year.

You can, with a little know-how and some creativity. Flowers and foliage plucked from the garden at the peak time and dried provide a spectacular — and permanent — array of color to decorate the home. The process is easier than you might think. The prettiest blooms make the best dried flowers, but the selection of varieties for decorative arrangements is unlimited. Not all flowers dry well, so you will want to experiment to find the best results.

Choose flowers with bright colors of yellows, oranges and pinks. You will have the best results when flowers are dried at their peak of perfection, just before they have fully opened. Don't wait any later because the flower petals may fall off during the drying process. Snip the blooms on a bright

warm day just after the dew has dried off the petals, in early to mid morning. You can also pick flowers in the late afternoon.

But don't limit yourself to the home flower garden to collect foliage for dried arrangements. Materials can be found in herb and vegetable gardens, as well as from shrubs, trees and vines, roadsides, meadows, fields and woods.

Collect grasses, grains, reeds, cattails, burrs, cones, fruits and seed pods of weed and cultivated plants when they are mature and fully developed from now through September.

To dry flowers and foliage, either hang drying, drying agents or pressing flowers is recommended.

Hand drying — The easiest method of drying flowers and foliage is the natural or hanging method. This method works best for flowers that

with little or not at all, such as field grasses, goldenrod and the following garden flowers: celosia, salvia, strawflowers, baby's breath, dusty miller and gomphrena.

Allow about two weeks for drying.

To hang-dry flowers, remove all unnecessary foliage. Then group the stems into small, loose bunches and hang with heads down in any dark, dry place such as an attic or unused closet. Hang larger flowers individually.

Drying agents — Some of the common garden flowers, such as chrysanthemums, dahlias, delphinium, dogwood, lilac, snapdragon, violets and zinnia can be dried with drying agents to maintain color and shape. Use one of these options: (1) fine, well-dried beach sand, (2) 1 part powdered borax in 5 parts white cornmeal, (3) 1 part borax and 1 part sand, or (4) one of the silica gel products

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now offered on the market. Spread 2 inches of the drying mixture over the bottom of a pan, box or carton. Strip the foliage from flowers and lay them face down. Gently work the mixture around, up and over the flowers until they are lightly covered.

Smooth out the petals, but try to maintain the natural shape of the flower. Lay larger flowers like daffodils and lilies face up and cover the same way.

Spring flowers such as snapdragons and delphinium can be covered lengthwise in the drying pan.

Store the container, uncovered, in a dark, dry, cool

place for one to three weeks. When thoroughly dry, remove the sand, borax or silica gel from the flowers with a soft brush.

The colors of some flowers dried with this method may fade somewhat, so you may want to try a plastic or varnish spray to keep the colors everlasting.

For faster results, try the microwave. Simply place flowers in a non-metal container with 1 inch of silica sand on the bottom. Cover all of the plant material thoroughly.

Operate the microwave at the high setting for two to three minutes, then allow

flowers to cool for 24 hours to complete the drying process.

Pressing flowers — Collect fresh flowers and leaves in as nearly perfect of a condition as you can find. Trim side shoots or branches so that no foliage material is overlapping. Leaves can be gathered either green or in full autumn color. Try brushing leaves lightly with non-salty oil, such as olive oil, before pressing.

Place each piece between several thicknesses of dry newspaper. Weight it down with heavy books or bricks and allow three to 12 week for drying. When foliage is completely dry, store it in a dust-free container.

Summer's dog days expose shade trees to withering risk of leaf scorch

The hot, dry days of July and August are more than a discomfort to many shade trees. Leaf scorch, a non-infectious disease is becoming more prevalent with each hot day.

Leaf scorch is first noticed as a yellowing or bronzing of tissue between the veins or along the margins of leaves. Trees are more susceptible if they have low vigor, have been damaged by machinery or are surrounded by cement sidewalks or driveways.

Symptoms usually follow drying winds or bright sunlight. Later, these leaves appear dry and scorched, and may even drop off. However,

the tree itself will not die. In most cases, all leaves on the same branch are affected more or less uniformly. Frequently, only one side of the tree is affected — the side exposed to the sun or drying winds. And occasionally, individual trees are severely damaged, while those of the same species in the immediate vicinity are unaffected.

Leaf scorch is caused by failure of the tree to supply enough water to the leaves at a critical time, usually in July and August. A great amount of water evaporates from the leaf surface because of sun and wind during hot dry weather.

If the water supply is deficient, the exposed leaves actually dry out and scorch. Trees with defective root systems are particularly subject to leaf scorch. The same holds true for trees whose roots have been partly removed or covered with impervious material like asphalt or concrete paving.

Soil that drains excessively or that has a low water table as well as attack by leaf-sucking insects can also contribute to the scorch problem.

Leaf scorch cannot be corrected once it appears, but injury can be kept to minimum

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by improving the tree's general condition.

If the tree has a permanently suppressed or injured root system, prune some of the branches to maintain an even balance between top and roots. This practice will not injure the

tree and may actually improve its appearance.

In the late fall or early spring, apply fertilizer. For pruned trees, mulch to improve the soil's water-holding capacity, and water liberally to the sub-surface during hot

weather.

If the root system has been injured by excavation, you can expect leaf scorch to recur during drought until the tree repairs the damage or produces a new root system.

Homeowners should check out contractor thoroughly before buying roof

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

"Considering that a roof protects home, belongings and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any other company nationwide.

"The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know when a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a

roofing contractor you trust to protect your biggest investment — your home.

When is it time to replace your roof?

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains. Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof line and exterior walls and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's time to call in a roofing professional.

Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work," Berk says. Popular roofing materials come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have organic (asphalt) or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low mainten-

ance, versatility and price. Today's choices include shingles with textures that create dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house. A light-colored roof creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark. For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house.

Some people prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays, others prefer light colors that reflect them.

Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with most house colors. To help visualize how various selections look,

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consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The right contractor is as important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract.

Does your contractor have good references and a good record?

Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an

indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references.

"Time invested in calling references is worthwhile," Berk says. "Ask if past customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

Is the contractor licensed and insured?

Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take chances," Berk advises.

Is your satisfaction guaranteed?

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long. Then, ask if the contractor stands behind it.

Paint pros offer up some tips for achieving professional-looking results at home

As the last signs of summer appear, the National Kitchen and Bath Association predicts a flurry of decorating and remodeling activity in homes across the country. According to the association, that is the most popular time of the year for remodeling projects. Whether you're putting the finishing touches on a newly remodeled kitchen or bath, or simply looking to spruce up a drab room, painting can enhance any decorating

project. "Painting is one of the easiest ways to give a room a new look without spending a fortune," said Tom Segreto, Sears paint buyer.

"It's not a difficult task, but it's a process that requires time and patience to assure that each step is done properly and thoroughly. A good paint job will stand up to the toughest wear and tear for years to come."

Last year, the paint pros at the Sears toll-free consumer

paints hot line helped nearly 90,000 customers resolve paint issues ranging from choosing the proper materials and paints for a project to preparing the surface properly.

Of the four basic steps to painting — paint selection, applicator selection, surface preparation, and application technique — surface preparation is perhaps the most time consuming, yet most essential step in the process.

Taking the time to properly prepare the surface pays off with a longer lasting and nicer looking finished product.

Here are six of the most popular interior painting tips the Sears paint pros offer consumers:

Latex Paint Can Be Used Over

Taking the time to properly prepare the surface pays off with a longer lasting and nicer looking finished product.

Oil and Vice Versa When Following the Five Steps of Surface Preparation

- Dull glossy surfaces, wash, rinse, repair defects and prime.

Primers and Paints are not interchangeable

- Primers are specially formulated to provide a sound surface to top coat. Primers help to seal the surface, preventing stains from bleeding through the paint film and providing adhesion for the top coat.

• Paints beautify and protect a surface.

Paints Formulated to Cover in One Coat Must Be Applied Properly

- To ensure one-coat coverage on most surfaces 1) follow label instruction 2) apply paint at correct spread rate to clean and sealed surface 3) use a good quality applicator matched to surface texture 4) apply paint using proper application technique.

Prepare Interior Surfaces Properly Before Applying Paint

- Follow five steps to prepare the surface 1) clean surface thoroughly 2) rinse all detergent from surface 3) patch all holes and cracks 4) dull glossy surfaces with sandpaper; wipe off sanding dust 5) prime all bare, porous

and stained areas.

Paint a Room from Top to Bottom

- Paint the ceiling first, walls second, and trim last. Paint the corners and around trim with a trim brush or pad. Paint larger areas on the ceiling and walls with a roller or paint stick.

• Finish the job by painting the trim with a trim brush or pad.

Use a Good Applicator to Get Professional Looking Results

- A good applicator will hold and spread an even, level coat of paint.

• Applicators are specially designed to work with different types of paint and on different surfaces.

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OFFICE SPACE
Collinsville
409 Bellvue St. 110
5-6 Offices, 1400 sq. ft.
\$725/Mth
346-7878

APARTMENTS/FLATS FURNISHED
EFFICIENCY, Good Location,
Clean, Quiet, \$350-\$450
872-8566

GRANITE CITY, nice in home
\$375. Deposit required. 288-5125

MADISON, 2 Bedroom, \$350
Deposit required. 288-5125

2620 APTS/FLATS UNFURNISHED
3 BR in Wood River \$455/mo. (N) 2167-1180. HET 314-2490

1BR APARTMENT - 4 large rooms, appliances and heat furnished. Agent owned. \$311/mo.

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\$245/mo. 346-7878

2620 APTS/FLATS UNFURNISHED
1BR & 2BR Quiet Neighbor- hood. Water/Sewer/Trash included. \$305 & \$355 - deposit. No pets. 451-4272

2645 Condominiums/Townhomes Rent
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2BR, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, fireplace & family room. Appliances included. \$350/mo. 345-0271 after 5pm.

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